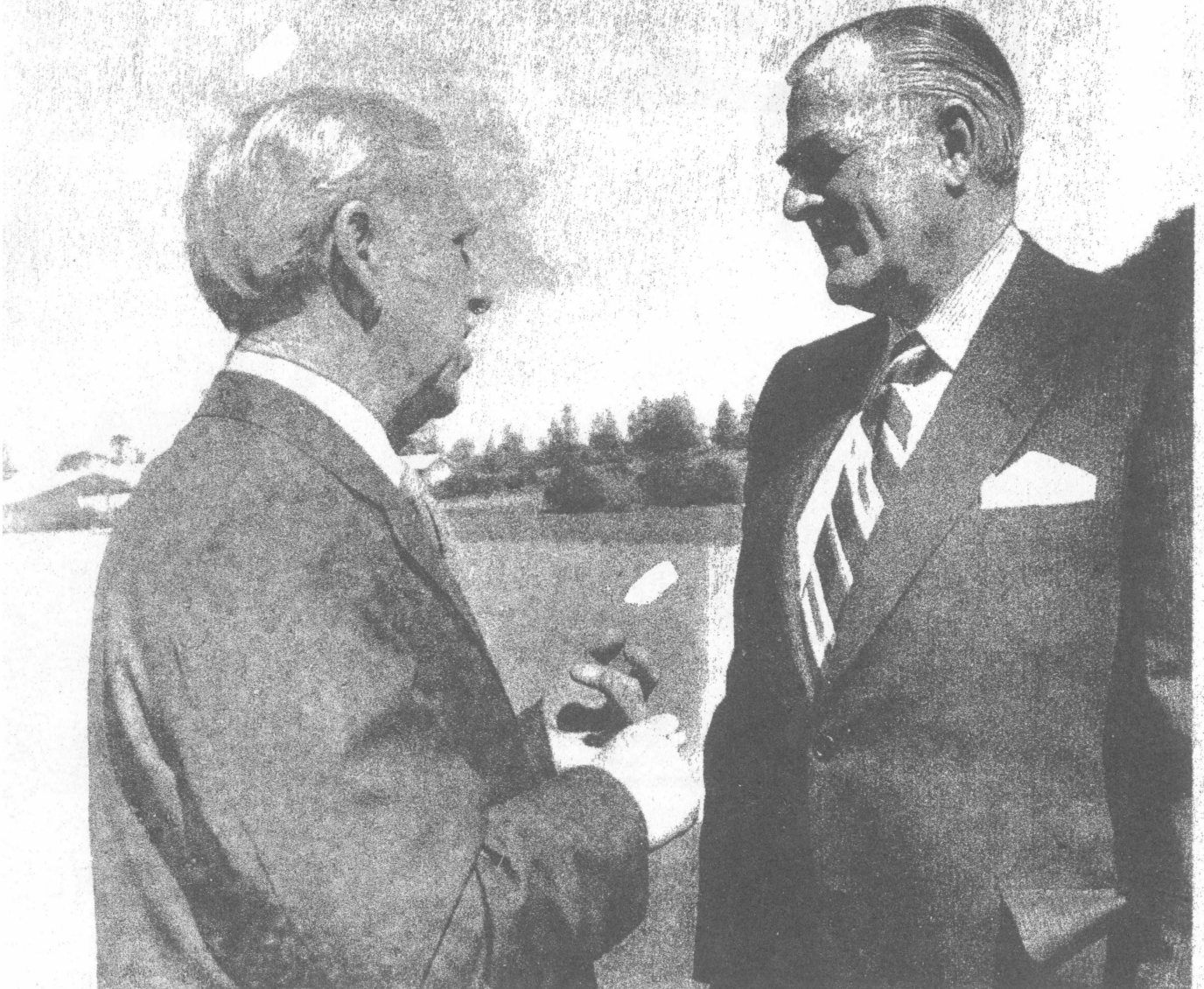


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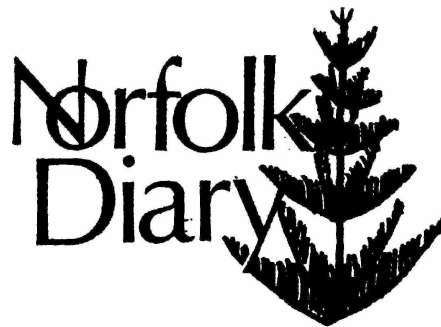
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THIS MONTH will probably see the publication of the long-awaited report of the Royal Commission into Norfolk Island's affairs and constitutional status.

While the timing of the report can't be known definitely until it is actually placed on the desks of Parliamentarians in Canberra, Sir John Nimmo, the Commissioner, returned to regular court duties in the second half of September, in Sydney and Canberra. That means his work on preparing and writing the report must have been completed. Allowing about four weeks for the report to be set up and run off, it would seem it would be ready for presentation to the Governor General about mid-October.

Then, as it can be fitted in with many more urgent matters before the Parliament, the report will be studied. There will be conflicting views on its recommendations, and these will be argued. In due course the Government will almost certainly introduce a new Norfolk Isl-

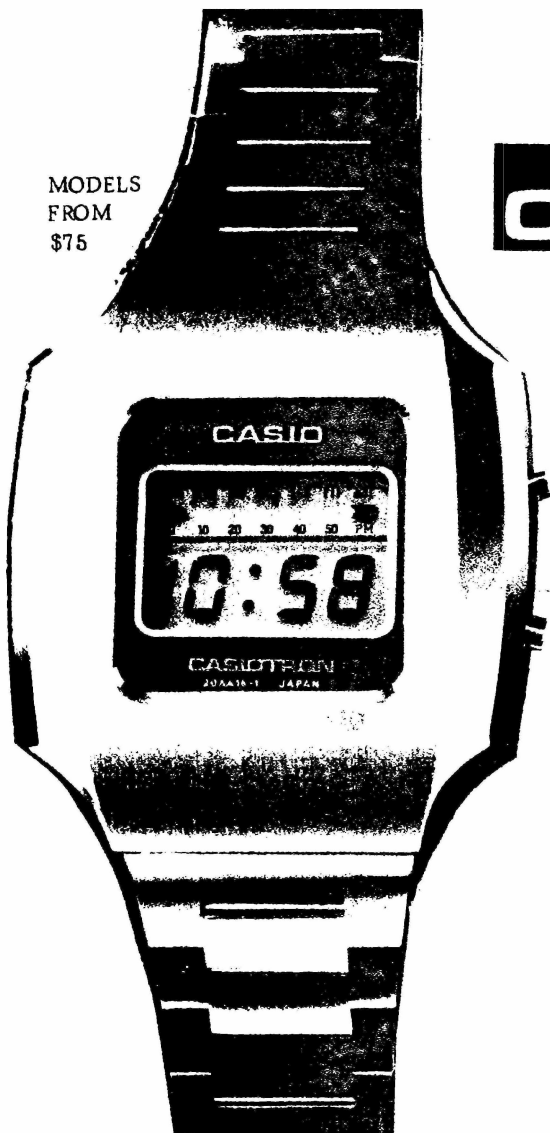
and bill. When it is passed, a new era in Norfolk history will begin.

It is a foregone conclusion that the Island's present form of government will be changed. We are now a non - self-governing territory far from Australia -- a colony of Australia, governed as colonies were governed -- and in the modern political world that's not an acceptable permanent form of government any longer. "Outmoded and inappropriate", the Whitlam Government called it.

In much United Nations debate on colonies around the world, it has seemed there are two main alternatives to being a colony: an island can evolve into being an independent little nation, or it can evolve into being an integral part of its existing big-brother government.

The majority of people on Norfolk probably don't want either of those alternatives, but something in between; more local self-government, but a formal and strong con-

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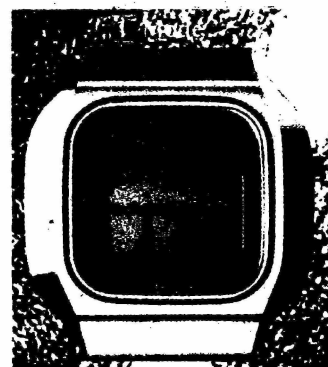
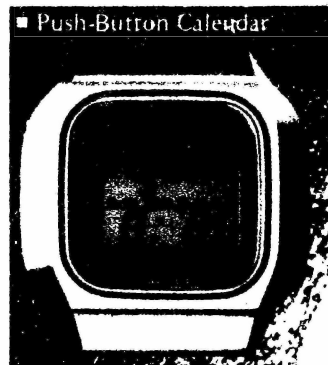
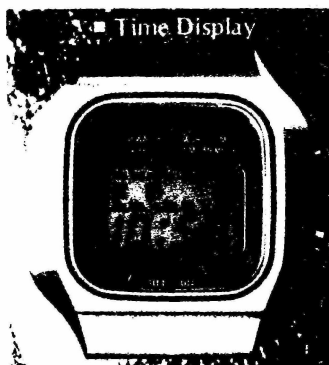
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nection with Australia.

In Washington, D.C. a careful study has just begun to explore the possibilities of this "third alternative" form of government for island areas.

The study is being made with financial help from the Ford Foundation. It is being carried out by the Institute of International Law and Economic Development, under its president, Mr. Arnold H. Leibowitz.

Papers written by Mr. Leibowitz are among the many thousands of items studied by Sir John Nimmo as he worked on Norfolk's problems.

The U.S. is interested in forms of government for offshore islands because of its links with Puerto Rico, the Marianas, the Virgin Islands, Guam and other places.

In 1960 the U.N. Decolonisation Committee formally recognised three acceptable directions in which a non - self-governing island could evolve: integration as a state within a larger mother-country, independence, and the third alternative of "Associated State". But in practice, according to the Institute of International Law and Economic Development, the U.N. has resisted the Associated State alternative and has not analysed the possibility very carefully.

As on Norfolk, people in many colonies around the world would like to run their own affairs, but don't really like the idea of breaking completely away from their parent country.

According to the U.N., an Associated State should have its own internal constitution, and its "individuality and cultural characteristics" should be protected.

In addition to a locally-adopted constitution, the Associated State has a formal Agreement with the large country it's associated with. This agreement spells out various economic and political relationships.

The U.S. idea of an Associated State is that it should be locally self-governing but should have a permanent union with a larger country on the basis of common citizenship, common defense, common currency, free market and "a common loyalty to the value of democracy" -- but with the larger Federal Government retaining specific powers, including foreign affairs and national security.

The concept was first tried by the U.S. in 1934 when such an arrange-

ment was made with the Philippines. The Northern Marianas have just completed a similar agreement with the U.S., and Guam and the Virgin Islands appear to be moving in the same direction.

The relationship between New Zealand and the Cook Islands is another example of the Associated State concept.

The Institute's study is expected to take about a year, and it would be intolerable for Norfolk's future constitutional status to remain up in the air for that long. But the fact that the Associated State concept is apparently growing in acceptability could be useful as Australia considers what concrete actions should flow on from Sir John Nimmo's imminent report.

Air Cdre Pickerd once again closes the book

A REASONABLE DIARY of events on Norfolk Island ought to record that Air Commodore E. T. Pickerd handled his three months' term as Acting Administrator with professional skill and with restraint. He served the Island and Australia well, at the cost of considerable inconvenience to himself and his family -- and at some risk to his own reputation.

He walked into a situation that was bristling with anger and resentment. Council had cabled its blunt, strong objections to his re-appointment. When he had retired as Administrator in 1975, he had closed an important chapter in his career feeling it had been one of the most satisfactory periods in his life. In June nine months later, he was re-opening the chapter -- and for all anyone knew then, it might have gone on to some disagreeable and bitter kind of ending.

He returned to the Island regardless, because he'd been asked to by the Government. He spoke softly, kept the wheels of government turning, decided matters that had to be decided -- and left the Island with probably more public respect than he had enjoyed before.

He was happy to leave for the second time, despite some mixed feelings of concern and regret, which seem to be the emotions that show most in this issue's cover photograph of him talking with new Administrator O'Leary not long before the old DC4 took him back home.

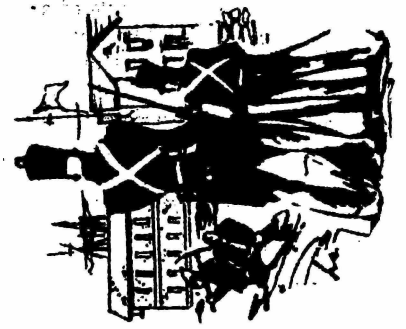
The pilot of the plane flew a tree-tops circuit of Norfolk after taking

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off, giving Air Cdre Pickerd a last long look, and causing many of us on the ground to reflect that he had done a good job.

Hospital result good but Fund rates soar

THE HOSPITAL Board and the Medical Officer -- along with others in the health care field on Norfolk -- produced a fine result last year.

The Board's figures for 1975/76 show that the Island hospital just about paid its own way, which is a remarkable achievement for any community these days.

The accounts reveal a profit of about \$7500 from the dispensary, almost \$5000 from X-rays, and \$130,000 received from patients and out-patients.

For years the hospital has had to be subsidised by the Admin, which not only pays the Medical Officer's salary but has had to chip in additional funds every year to make up losses and pay for maintenance.

It's been customary to include the cash subsidies as income, and they are shown that way in the new accounts. As a result the books

seem to show a mighty profit of \$54,000 for the year. But if you take out the subsidies the fact is that the hospital lost just under \$10,000 in the year, even though its Medical Officer was provided without charge to the Board. At that, the hospital appears to have been better operated and managed than ever before.

Against that background of good news, it comes as a shock that the rates for hospital and medical benefit funds have been doubled or more starting October 1st. A family wanting the fullest cover from the HCF will now have to pay \$544.22 per year. People on Norfolk Island won't get any better medical care for the massive increase; we are simply asked to pay the price of runaway inflation on the mainland.

And the higher mainland costs will probably mean that the per-day bed cost at our own hospital will rise again before long. This is the result of a crazy kind of money logic. The sequence is that mainland hospital costs go up, so they raise their rates; the hospital benefits funds have to raise their rates to cover the higher hos-

pital charges; and the Norfolk Island hospital then raises its rates, because people can claim higher rates from the mainland funds.

At least twice in recent years, concerned residents have made an effort to devise some more economical way for Island people to get proper health care. Neil McIntyre had a go eight years or so back, but couldn't make the economics work out. John Glover offered his statistical skills for another review more recently; but this never took place, because the hospital data on actual patient costs was considered confidential.

A bit of arithmetic with the new HCF and MBF rates indicates that the time might now be right for looking again at the whole question.

The "basic medical" cost of HCF is \$215 a year for a family. There are about 450 families on Norfolk. If all were covered, there would be \$96,750 being paid for medical (that is, doctor) coverage each year.

Could Norfolk hire a doctor, and provide him with an office and reasonable assistance, for \$96,750? Of course it could, with room to spare.

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Posts are on the way

IT LOOKS AS IF the fence post shortage may be near an end.

For some months it's been easier to find hens' teeth than fence posts, but the Tanalysing Plant now has a stock of over 2,000 untreated posts on hand and plans to put them through the treatment process by early next year.

The backlog of post orders on hand is stated as "over 500" -- but Greg Quintal, who sees to a lot of Island fencing, says he is waiting for delivery of that many, so there can't be many other customers in the queue.

On figures compiled recently, the Tanalith Plant about broke even in the first half of this year. Maintenance of the plant and wages amounted to \$7,027.23, and it cost some \$3,160.47 to extract timber. Income was \$6,553.61 for tanalysing charges, and \$3,517.85 for forest products sold. Net loss for the half-year, \$116.24.

Crushing plant feels the financial squeeze

ISLAND INDUSTRIES, managed by Gerry Aafjes, has exclusive rights to quarry and crush rock on Norfolk. The contract was negotiated at a time when there was no efficient rock-busting operation on the Island and it seemed necessary to assure the company of an exclusive business if they would make the large investment that was necessary.

A license to make money? Well it isn't just now. With the squeeze on new Admin spending, there are no Norfolk roads set to be sealed this year. The demand for metal is therefore down to a fraction of what the plant can produce -- and unless Island Industries can land some other contract work, there will have to be a reduction in the size of its workforce.

Blasting, crushing and plant engineering are specialist trades, and if the present crew is cut back it won't be easy to build it back up again when the need for crushed rock rises again.

Upgrading of the airport will require a lot of rock, but Gerry says that project is nine or ten months away, at least. Meanwhile he's carrying a payroll of \$6,000 every month.

He explained the situation to a committee of Council, pointing out that if Admin orders dried up, reas-

nable notice of future orders would have to be given before the company could re-staff with competent men and get into full production once again.

"We can't give any assurance beyond what's already approved," the committee secretary told him.

"When there's no dough, there isn't any dough."

The tourist objective -- in a nutshell

TOURIST BOARD President Phil Page, circularising local business people for support of the Board's efforts, reported last month that in his view "A balance must be kept between what is financially best, and what is best for the life style of all the residents of Norfolk Island."

Then he said very succinctly something the Board has never put quite so clearly before: "In a nutshell, Norfolk Island should retain its unique way of life, and at the same time supply sufficient amenities for the visitor for him to share this very same way of life."

We think that is spot on. But to be followed as an objective, his statement needs to be made specific enough so the Board can decide whether some new proposal actually fits with Norfolk's way of life -- or whether it's merely financially best.

What are the important elements of the "unique way of life" that Norfolk should retain, and that we want visitors to come share?

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NEW DEPOT WORKING WELL —RESTORATION UNDERWAY AT OLD KINGSTON SITE

BY THE END of this month, the Island's Works Department ought to be completely cleared out of

the Old Military Barracks compound at Kingston, and operating completely from the new Depot in New Cascade Rd.

The old Kingston location may have been full of romantic history, but it was a rotten place for the men of the department to work. Dingy, ill-lighted and cramped,

THE NEW \$320,000 WORKS DEPOT IS A BIG IMPROVEMENT OVER KINGSTON

it made almost any job a bit harder than it ought to be.

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The new Depot amounts to a gift from the Australian Government, worth around \$320,000, all told. It is a by-product of the big program for restoring the historic Kingston buildings. Architects say the Old Military Barracks is the prize of the lot at Kingston -- and in order to restore it, Australia had first of all to find another place for the Works Depot.

Chief Works Supervisor Boonie Buffett says the Department's operations are far better off in every respect at the new Depot. "We're getting more work done, and a better class of work," he says.

There are proper facilities for motor mechanics, carpenters, electricians, plumbers and other specialist tradesmen. Road maintenance work is quicker because the Depot is much closer to the centre of the Island.

An incidental benefit is that there will be adequate water supply for keeping vehicles washed, even in summer: a pump has been installed in a well beside a creek nearby. The well was dug some years ago, when the area was used as the agricultural block for the Norfolk Island school.

With the Works Department just

about out of the Old Military Barracks, restoration work has started there. Hundreds of holes have been drilled into the lower walls of the buildings in the compound, and a silicone preparation will be injected to stabilise the masonry. And the former flat on the top floor of the main building has been ripped out.

SMALL AIRLINES THINK BIG ABOUT LINKING ISLANDS IN PACIFIC

PLANS FOR NEW inter-island airline services in the Pacific were announced last month in Pago Pago and in Tonga.

Mr. George Wray, president of South Pacific Island Airways, a line based in American Samoa, said SPIA had been certified by the Kingdom of Tonga to take over its internal air services and to provide a regular run between Pago Pago and the Tongan capital, Nuku'alofa.

The service is to start this month, using 20-passenger, twin-engine Otter turbojets.

There will be every-other-day services from Pago Pago, with calls at the Tongan islands of Vava'u,

Ha'api and 'Eua.

Vava'u is the site of the Port of Refuge hotel, which has been in a financial squeeze and has been up for sale. But with the announcement of the new SPIA service, the owners of the hotel have become optimistic again and have taken it off the market.

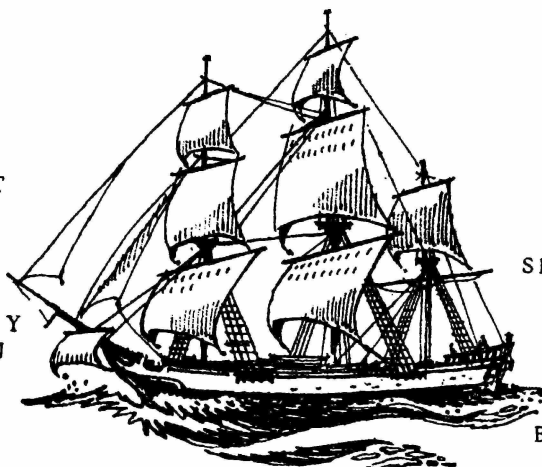
Pago Pago International airport is a connecting point for onward flights to many countries. It is under the authority of the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration, which has just approved a \$3,690,000 program for improving the field.

SPIA provides a high-frequency service between Pago Pago and Western Samoa. In the first six months of this year, the airline flew 2,080 departures between the two Samoas, completing 99.3% of them despite weather that sometimes forces the cancellation of flights.

Meanwhile a Japanese organisation called the Royal Tonga Club announced that it has big plans for a further inter-island air service running from New Caledonia on to Fiji, Tonga, Pago Pago and Tahiti. It would connect with UTA flights between New Caledonia and Tokyo, with Japan Air Lines flights from Nadi, Fiji to Tokyo, and with Air

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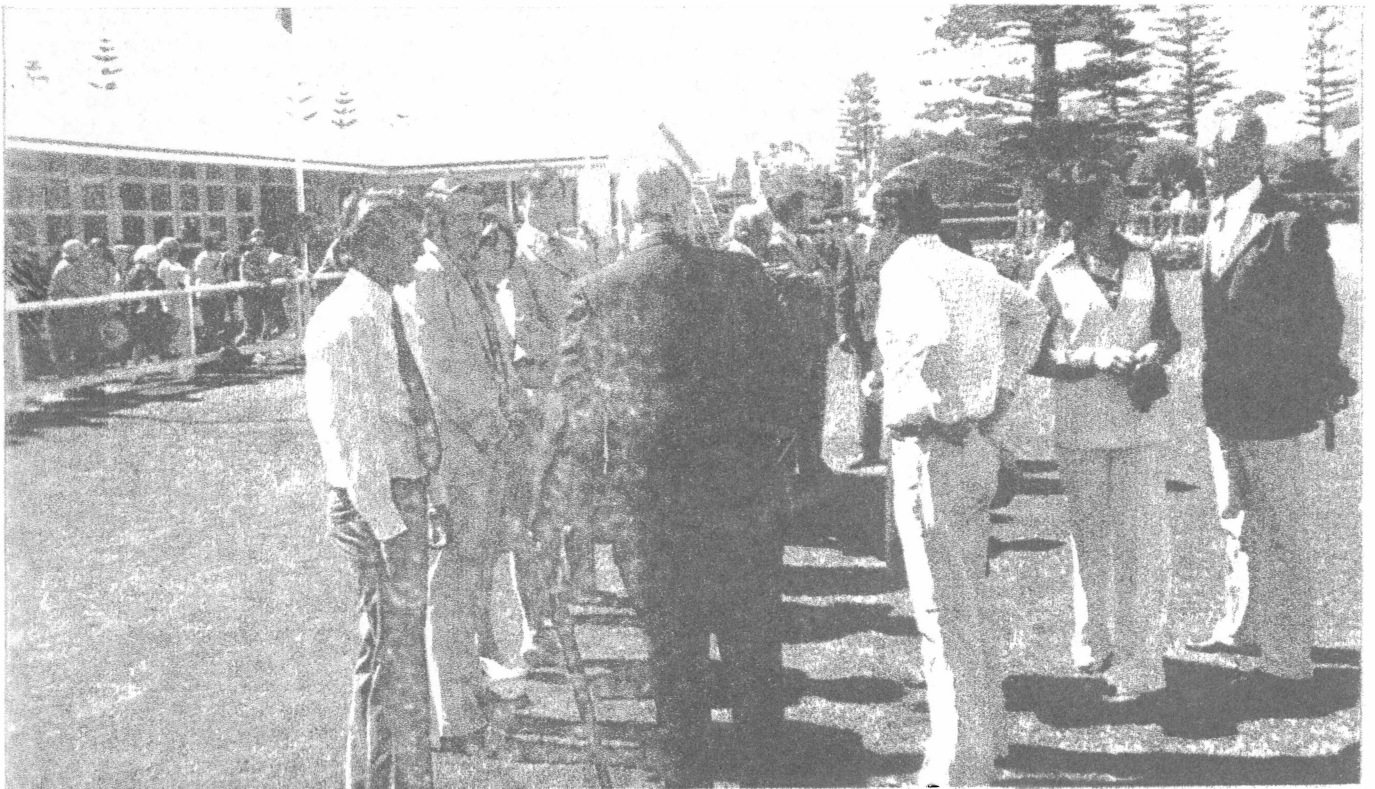
Mr. Desmond Vincent O'Leary took the fateful step the afternoon of September 4th.

Waiting at the foot of the gangway was Acting Administrator E. T. Pickerd, with only seconds left of his term of office; Acting Offi-

cial Secretary Gil Hitch, and President of Committees Bill Blucher.

Administrator and Mrs. O'Leary then strolled to greet an assemblage of Councillors and wives who were waiting to say hello over toward the terminal.

It was an afternoon of brilliant sunshine, and Mr. O'Leary's well-furled bumbershoot turned out to be an un-needed precaution.



COUNCIL TRANSCRIPT

FOR NORFOLK-WATCHERS
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NEW ZEALAND recently put a tax of \$16.20 on air tickets to Norfolk, and proportionally more on travel to most other overseas points. Norfolk Council sent a thundering cable of protest, asking the Australian Government to ask N. Z. to reconsider. Australia replied that Norfolk hadn't put up a good enough case to justify intruding into New Zealand's domestic affairs. That reply was debated at August Council. It was really a debate about what Norfolk's authority is, and a farewell lecture from departing Administrator E. T. Pickerd:

Cr. Ryves: "I believe, sir, the subject matter of the cable shows that we perhaps as a Council should do more research before we race into things, because there's so much sound common sense in what has been put here that I don't believe we would now have a case to submit to the Minister to make a submission to Cabinet on our behalf."

Cr. McIntyre: "Mr. Chairman, am I to understand then that not only did the Minister not endorse the cable but he didn't even pass it on?"
Chairman: "Yes."

Cr. McIntyre: Well, Mr. Chairman, I think he's misunderstood the spirit at least in which I supported the cable.

"It wasn't sent from my point of view to the Minister so that he could pass it on on the condition that he liked it -- he wasn't opted the right of censor of the thing -- he was asked to pass it on to the New Zealand Government as the view of the Norfolk Island Council not of the Australian Government..."

"Insofar as the Australian Government doesn't have the same view -- that's up to the Australian Government."

"When the Norfolk Island Council has a view that it is an island in the Pacific and that the New Zealand Government has considered in its own domestic matters exemptions to islands in the Pacific, it seems a perfectly straightforward matter that Norfolk Island should put its case to the New Zealand Government..."

Chairman: "I would have to violently disagree with you Cr. McIntyre and suggest that you misunderstand the responsibilities and channels of communication of the Norfolk Island Council, which has no authority -

nor has the Administrator whatsoever to communicate with Foreign Governments.

"As I pointed out when you were debating the first proposal with Councillors that under the signature of the Chairman the President of Committees should send a cable direct to the Prime Minister of New Zealand, but, in my opinion, you were exceeding your authority under the Act and under the Norfolk Island Council Ordinance in that you exist at the present time to provide advice to the Administrator who in turn is responsible to the Minister who administers Norfolk Island.

"Now if Councillors wish to go direct to the Prime Minister, that's their own business, but I see nothing anomalous in the actions that the Minister has taken."

"We asked the Minister to support our proposition and the Minister has come back and said he would not support it and has given us reasons why he wouldn't support it, and has asked us, as a territory of Australia, to provide him, as a Minister of the Government, with reasons why he should try to prevail upon the appropriate Ministers through Cabinet for the Australian Government to intrude into the affairs of New Zealand.

"Now if Council want to have the right to negotiate with Foreign Governments, as I've stated before in my humble opinion, you are not seeking executive authority.

"What you're seeking is a form of independence, and you've got to make up your own minds about this thing.

"I see the channels that have taken place and which, I think it would be true to say, I prevailed upon Council to change their course and not send the cable direct to the Prime Minister of New Zealand but to send it to the Australian Minister as the proper channels at the present moment.

"If you're not satisfied with those channels, that is a different ball-game altogether.

"At the moment I see nothing anomalous whatsoever in the procedural arrangements that were adopted initially and what the Minister has now stated.

"On the other hand, a direct approach by a non-statutory body such as the Tourist Board etc. to whatever authorities they wish in

New Zealand, supported by Council on resolution if they want to, appears to be a different thing altogether."

Cr. Ryves: "They've invited us to put a convincing argument to the Australian Government."

"If we think we've got a convincing argument -- I haven't got one -- but if we think we have one then let's do it."

Cr. McKenzie: "I support the remarks of Cr. Ryves. From the information I've got, I don't think it's made much difference to the tourist industry from New Zealand.

"My wife happens to be in a position where she talks to many tourists coming from New Zealand and she hasn't heard one of them whinge yet about the increase in fares."

Cr. Blucher: "Irrespective of what the Minister regards as intruding on the domestic affairs, I still feel that there is an indication of a negative attitude within this reply.

"Perhaps a direct approach or a more strong direct approach by the Tourist Board and the people concerned with the tourist industry on Norfolk Island might have been the answer in the first instance and I believe that that was the case.

"As far as having a convincing case, I think the text of that cable was a reasonably convincing case where we mentioned the imports catered for the tourists and the nearness of our relationships and the historical relationship with each other.

"I think that in itself is a fairly strong case for some consideration for exemption, when you consider that six other islands in the Pacific were exempted, and I can see no other difference in relationship than we would have to them, Mr. Chairman."

Cr. Bennett: "Yes, Mr. Chairman. Another thing that does concern me is that this appears to be another case of a request from Council not having reached the persons to whom it was intended.

"Whilst I agree with Cr. McKenzie that the travel tax in New Zealand may not have the adverse effect we had envisaged, and therefore the objection would not have had the same intensity, but attached to this memorandum is a copy of a letter from the Nor-

folk Island Tourist Board and whilst I don't agree with this body taking a direct action in this instance, at least some members of the New Zealand Government are aware of our grievances.

"I think there is little we can do but to note the Minister's reply to our cable and at some future date, if we find there is need to raise the issue again or some body on the island requests Council to raise it, we will bring the matter forward again." Chairman: "Would somebody like to move that? But I'd like to point out that what's recorded in the minutes is what Councillors say and if you make strong comment about the Minister's action in your debate and then you meekly pass a resolution of noting what the Minister said, are you at ease with your conscience?"

"If you feel as strong as some Councillors appear to feel in what they've said now, are they prepared to just note the Minister's action?"

"I'm not trying to promote a course of action but what I'm saying is that it's no good being "lions at home" and "lambs away".

"If you've got a strong feeling about it, I'm sure the Minister would like to get it expressed in logical manner in which he would have to take note.

"I'm perfectly happy to take whatever action Council wish."

Cr. Smith: "These other islands, Mr. Chairman - I suppose they belong to New Zealand or under New Zealand control - is that a point that's mentioned?"

Chairman: "I don't think they're under New Zealand control but each of them have got some affinity with New Zealand in the past and indeed in our cable we attempted to produce perhaps not a similar affinity but a close affinity with New Zealand.

"We boosted up our original case by taking this particular line of approach but it hasn't convinced the Minister who is responsible for the administration of Norfolk Island and that he should through Cabinet seek to have the Australian Government, on behalf of Norfolk Island, attempt to have the New Zealand Government give an exemption to Norfolk Island.

"Now if you still feel you've got a case, and you can put further evidence, the Minister has given you the opportunity."

Cr. Ryves: "I've heard it expressed that Norfolk Island is doing New Zealand a favour by buying goods from New Zealand.

"I think we're darn lucky that the disparity in the New Zealand \$ in relation to the Australian \$ enables us to buy goods on a much cheaper market.

"I would submit to this Council that the fact that the New Zealand Government is scrambling for an income by putting a 10% impost on their tickets is part of the reason why we're benefitting from the devalued \$.

"I think that if we went and argued with them that we buy things from them, they'd say - 'Yes but you're buying them at a much cheaper rate than you could normally buy them from elsewhere', and would try to offset some of that by getting some money back from another source, and I think these are the sort of arguments you'd get back."

Chairman: "We're debating round a Minister's cable at the moment without a resolution to which we can direct our precise thoughts. I'll give Cr. Blucher the opportunity to speak but is any Councillor prepared at this juncture to put forward a resolution regarding the Minister's reply?"

Cr. Blucher: "Yes, Mr. Chairman. I would move that Council supports the cable sent to the Minister, cable No. 304, and also supports the actions of the Norfolk Island Tourist Board and the Chamber of Commerce in their letters to the New Zealand Government and the Australian Government and asks that the Minister reconsider this case, taking into consideration the case we have already put forward and the text of that letter and our cables and ask him if he'd consider these very seriously on our behalf."

Chairman: "Is there a seconder to that motion? Cr. McIntyre. Well, knowing Ministers, I would have to say that I'm quite sure that he is convinced that the case that you put forward is not sufficient for him to take action. I'm prepared to put... send off Council's cable, Council's resolution, if you pass that resolution, but he states here - or the Department states here - they will pursue with the Minister if you of Council are able to mount a convincing argument why Australian Government should not intrude."

"Now in the first place we didn't ask to intrude on domestic affairs of New Zealand -- I think that's perhaps the wrong use of the word -- what we asked was that there are certain islands in the Pacific which have had some relationship with New Zealand in the past sufficient-

ly strong to warrant the New Zealand Government to exempt them from the 10% travel tax levy; that a similar consideration should be given to Norfolk Island for a variety of reasons which we, as seen from our vantage point here, are thought to have some validity and rate."

"The Minister doesn't see it that way."

Cr. Smith: "Mr. Chairman, you've mentioned before that this Council is only an Advisory Council. The Minister made it quite clear that we will have to put up a strong case and I can't see how we can put up a strong case against the New Zealand Government being an Australian territory and I don't think we will get anywhere with another submission, so I cannot support the motion."

Chairman: "Just a minute Cr. Smith."

"Yes I did say Council was advisory, but I want to make it quite clear Council in case you got the wrong impression."

"I have never referred to the advisory responsibility of this Council in any derogatory or malicious way."

"Indeed I've been one of the strongest movers that Council should move out of its advisory role, and in fact, I'm a great believer that advice used properly can be a very powerful weapon, but I did remind you that your responsibility because it seemed to me that there was perhaps a suggestion that you should start going direct to a Foreign Government in which case I pointed out that you are advisory to the Administrator who is responsible to administer and that if you go outside that advisory role you should only do so with your eyes wide open and prepared to accept the full consequences of the actions."

"That was the only context in which I used the term 'advisory'."

Cr. Ryves: "I don't propose to support the motion, sir, because I'm not convinced in my mind that we have a case."

"I accept the Minister's statements here as being accurate when he relates to various increases on the Australian fare in relation to the New Zealand fare, and I think we'd just be wasting our time in pressing this matter further and letting the Council down by doing so."

Cr. Snell: "I think we're getting away from the fact that -- I know that the principle of levying the travel tax to the air fare Auckland/Norfolk/Auckland and the exemptions to some of

the Pacific Islands, but the travel tax on the Norfolk Island fare is some \$18.60 and I think that the New Zealand has classified this as a negligible amount and has taken this into consideration in applying it to us.

"I feel personally that the travel tax is an added burden and I can't see the reason why they should exempt, say, Fiji and not exempt Norfolk Island as we are of the same basis of our economy, but after these subject telegrams had been sent and the replies had been received and, as Cr. McKenzie has said, there doesn't seem to be at the moment any detriment to our tourist trade from New Zealand, I would go along with the motion that this matter be left in abeyance for the time being as it appears generally that we're not going to get anywhere unless we can put up a stronger case than we have already."

Cr. McIntyre: "Mr. Chairman, this is an issue of communication . . .

"It doesn't appear that anybody considers Norfolk's place in advance -- nobody officially approached Norfolk Island in advance -- the Department of Administrative Services presumably would have regarded it as a matter for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Affairs wouldn't have

regarded themselves as concerned with Norfolk Island, and so on around the mulberry bush -- but the issue is not that the New Zealand Government has heard all the reasoned arguments and thought that they weren't very good and rejected them -- the issue is that the New Zealand Government hasn't heard the case at all.

"This is the very point that goes back -- it is far more the principle that where communication is necessary Norfolk Islanders, this chance in particular, are best equipped to argue the Norfolk Island case.

"They are continually concerned with it and know far more about it than the mainland does. . . ."

Chairman: "... It seems that if you want to change the present situation you've got to legislate for channels of communication which by-pass the Minister, and neither the Council or the Administrator have those channels at the present moment, and I would not personally endorse support or be party of any proposition to change the present legislative communication channels.

"It's like a parent who tells a child he or she can't do something, the child would like to by-pass the parent; until the child is either strong enough or fast enough or gets

parental approval to do so that appears to be the end of that particular issue.

"Now if you want to change it, as I keep saying to you, do something about that but don't harp on it all the time because you're not getting anywhere."

Cr. Blucher: "Mr. Chairman, as representative of the people of this community, I don't believe that our issues and requests that we send to the Minister what we sincerely believe are to the best interests of Norfolk Island, irrespective of whether the Minister goes along with that idea or not, but when we get a negative answer back there's no use going back on our haunches and accepting it.

"I think if we're strong enough to represent the people we're strong enough to put forward a case of what we want for the island and what we do not want for the island and then keep on going and following that track rather strongly. . . ."

! The motion, asking the Minister to reconsider, was lost. It was then moved that the Minister's cable simply be noted, with thanks; "Going, going. . . ." said Chairman Pickerd; "I propose we take the thanks out," said Cr. Ryves; and that motion passed.

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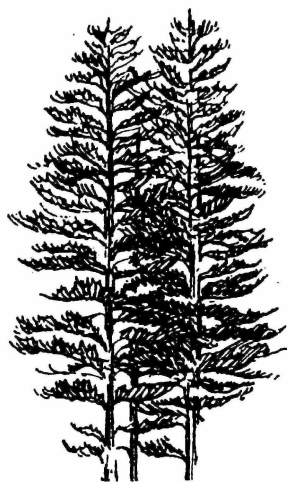


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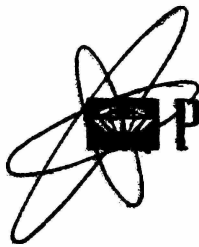


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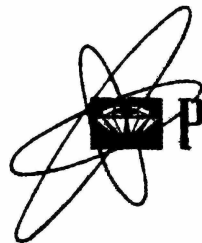
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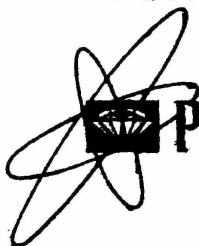


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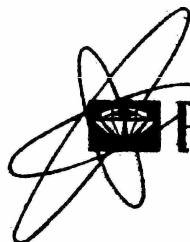
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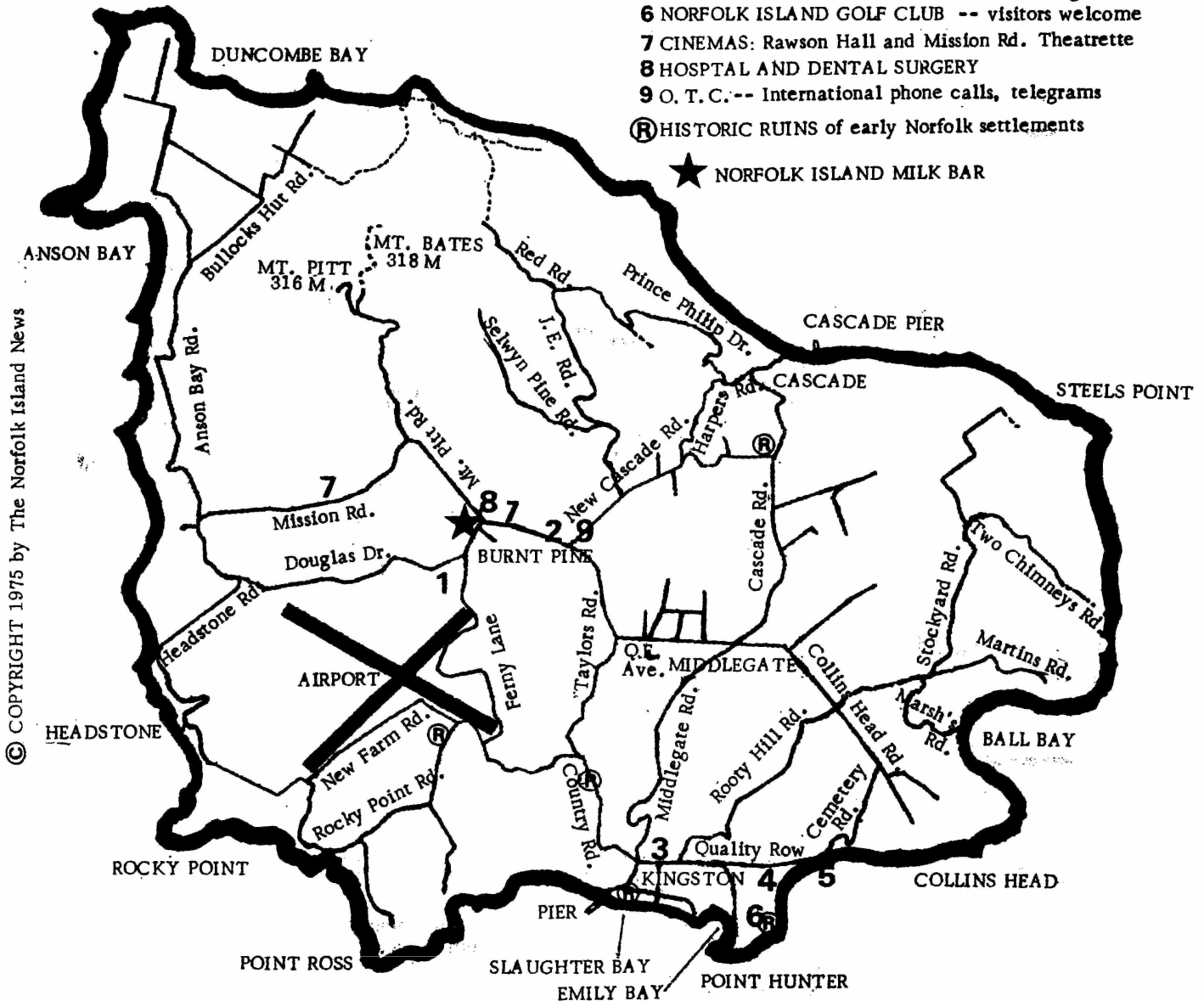
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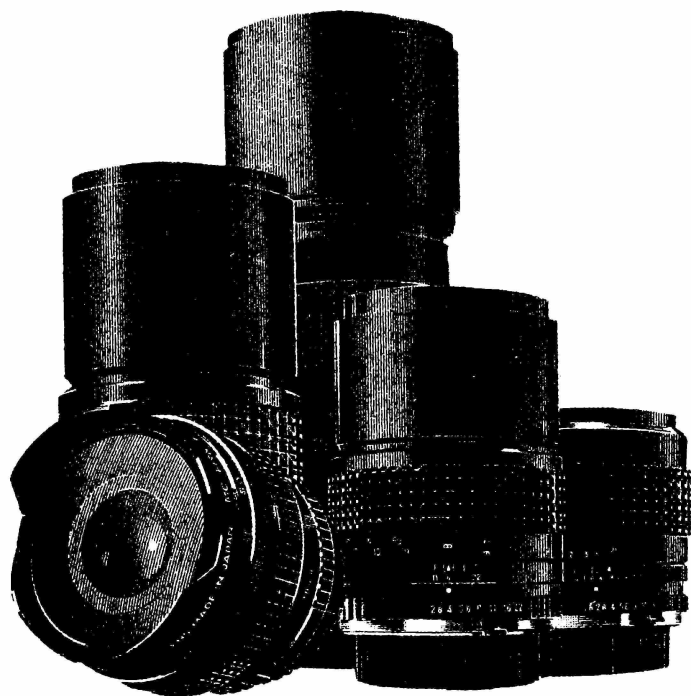
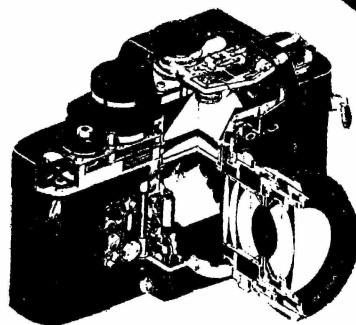
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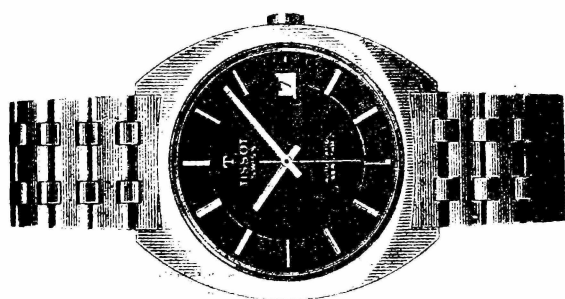
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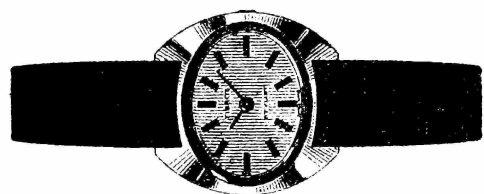
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October 2, 1788: The 'Golden Grove' left Sydney with the second group -- 42 people -- of settlers for Norfolk Island.
 October 7, 1798: The sloop 'Norfolk', which had been built here and confiscated by the NSW Governor, sailed from Sydney and made the voyage on which it was first learned that Tasmania is an island, not part of the mainland.
 October 10, 1774: Captain Cook discovered Norfolk Island.
 October 11, 1790: William Charles Wentworth was born on Norfolk about this date.

October 18, 1828: George Hunn Nobbs married Sarah Christian
 October 25, 1860: Alexander Maconochie, former N.I. Commandant and famous prison reformer, died in Surrey at 73.
 October 25, 1788: Captain Bligh sailed The Bounty into harbour at Tahiti.
 October 30, 1857: The "39 Laws" were proclaimed for N.I.
 October 31, 1792: The population of Norfolk was 1,115
 October 31, 1856: Governor Denison proclaimed Norfolk a "distinct and separate settlement".

3 Rise 5.54, set 6.19
 H0345 L1009
 H1623 L2241
 ●Church services
 ●Film, sm'b'd(VV7.30p)
 Garden competition judging

4 Rise 5.33, set 6.19
 H0452 L1105
 H1730 L2335
 ●Housie (LC)
 ●Film (Nlk)
 ●Sm'b'd (SP)

5 Rise 5.52, set 6.20
 H0600 L1159
 H1831
 ●Films(Pds & LC)
 ●Darts(RSL)
 ●C'm'dants Dinner
 (7.30G)

6 Rise 5.51, set 6.21
 L0026 H0659
 L1249 H1925
 ●Film, sm'b'd(VV)
 ●Film(Pds)
 ●Open night(Nlk)
 ●Council meeting(A2.00p)

10 Rise 5.46, set 6.23
 L0315 H0949
 L1535 H2206
 ●Church services
 ●Film, sm'b'd(VV7.30p)
 ●Children's equestrian events
 Show entries close 9pm

11 Rise 5.45, set 6.24
 L0350 H1024
 L1610 H2241
 SHOW DAY
 PUBLIC HOLIDAY
 ●Annual Show opens 1.30
 ●Housie(LC)
 ●Film(Nlk)
 ●Sm'b'd(SP)

12 Rise 5.44, set 6.24
 L0426 H1059
 L1646 H2317
 ●Films(Pds & LC)
 ●Darts(RSL)
 ●C'm'dants Dinner
 (7.30G)

13 Rise 5.43, set 6.25
 L0458 H1136
 L1725 H2355
 ●Film, sm'b'd(VV)
 ●Film(Pds)
 ●Open Night(Nlk)

17 Rise 5.37, set 6.28
 H0203 L0819
 H1426 L2053
 ●Church services
 ●Film, sm'b'd(VV7.30p)

18 Rise 5.36, set 6.28
 H0253 L0916
 H1518 L2148
 ●Housie(LC)
 ●Film(Nlk)
 ●Sm'b'd(SP)

19 Rise 5.34, set 6.29
 H0350 L1012
 H1616 L2243
 ●Films(Pds & LC)
 ●Darts(RSL)
 ●C'm'dants Dinner
 (7.30G)

20 Rise 5.32, set 6.30
 H0454 L1107
 H1720 L2338
 ●Film, sm'b'd(VV)
 ●Film(Pds)
 ●Open night(Nlk)

24 Rise 5.25, set 6.33
 L0217 H0854
 L1443 H2113

25 Rise 5.23, set 6.34
 L0307 H0944
 L1531 H2203

26 Rise 5.21, set 6.34
 L0356 H1034
 L1625 H2253

27 Rise 5.20, set 6.33
 L0446 H1124
 L1718 H2343

31 Rise 5.13, set 6.37
 H0224 L0845
 H1456 L2120

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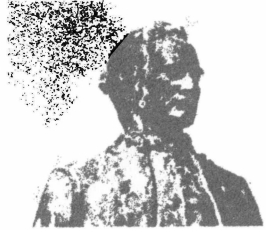
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7 Rise 5.50, set 6.21
L0114 H0750
L1337 H2012

- Housie(LC)
- BBQ(SP)
- Film(RSL8.00p)
- Rotary(SP6.30)



14 Rise 5.42, set 6.26
L0543 H1215
L1809

- Housie(LC)
- BBQ(SP)
- Film(RSL8.00p)
- Rotary(SP6.30p)

21 Rise 5.30, set 6.31
H0601 L1203
H1825

- Housie(LC)
- BBQ(SP)
- Film(RSL8.00p)
- Rotary(SP6.30p)

28 Rise 5.18, set 6.35
L0540 H1214
L1815

- Housie(LC)
- BBQ(SP)
- Film(RSL8.00p)
- Rotary(SP6.30p)

FRI

1 Rise 5.56, set 6.18
H0146 L0805
H1420 L2042

- Film(RSL8.00p)
- Open night(Pds)

8 Rise 5.49, set 6.22
L0158 H0833
L1419 H2053

- Film(RSL8.00p)
- Open night(Pds)



15 Rise 5.41, set 6.27
H0035 L0629
H1256 L1854

- Film(RSL8.00p)
- Open night(Pds)

22 Rise 5.28, set 6.31
L0033 H0704
L1258 H1926

- Film(RSL8.00p)
- Open night(Pds)

29 Rise 5.16, set 6.36
H0035 L0639
H1306 L1917

- Film (RSL 8p.)
- Open Night (Pds)



SAT

2 Rise 5.55, set 6.18
H0243 L0909
H1519 L2144

- SDA service
- Housie(RSL8.00p)
- RSL Auxiliary Fete
(RSL 2.30-5.00)



9 Rise 5.47, set 6.22
L0238 H0912
L1459 H2130

- SDA service
- Housie(RSL8.00p)
- Livestock judging

16 Rise 5.39, set 6.27
H0117 L0722
H1340 L1956

- SDA service
- Housie(RSL8.00p)



23 Rise 5.27, set 6.32
L0126 H0801
L1352 H2021

- SDA service
- Housie (RSL 8p.)



30 Rise 5.15, set 6.36
H0128 L0742
H1400 L2021

- SDA service
- Housie (RSL 8p.)



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Rise - Sunrise
set - Sunset
H - High tide
L - Low tide
a - a.m.
p - p.m.

LOCATIONS

A - Administration Building
BP - Burnt Pine
BC - Bowling Club
BCP - BiCentennial Park
BH - Branka House
C - Catholic Church
CE - All Saints
EB - Emily Bay
G - Garrison Rest.
GC - Golf Club
H - Hospital
KO - Kingston Oval
Lib - Library
LC - Leagues Club
LK - Lime Kiln BBQ
M - Museum Building
MC - Methodist Church
Nik - Norfolk Hotel
Pds - Paradise
PH - Pitcairners Hall
RH - Rawson Hall
RSL - R. S. L. Club
Scl - N. I. School
SDA - 7th Day Adv. Hall
SP - South Pacific
StB - St. Barnabas Chapel
SW - Simons Water
VV - Valley View
YC - Youth Centre

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Kamak Trading: "Casio, the big calculator company, have just introduced Casiotron electronic watches. They are on sale at Pacific Hire Cars, from just \$75."

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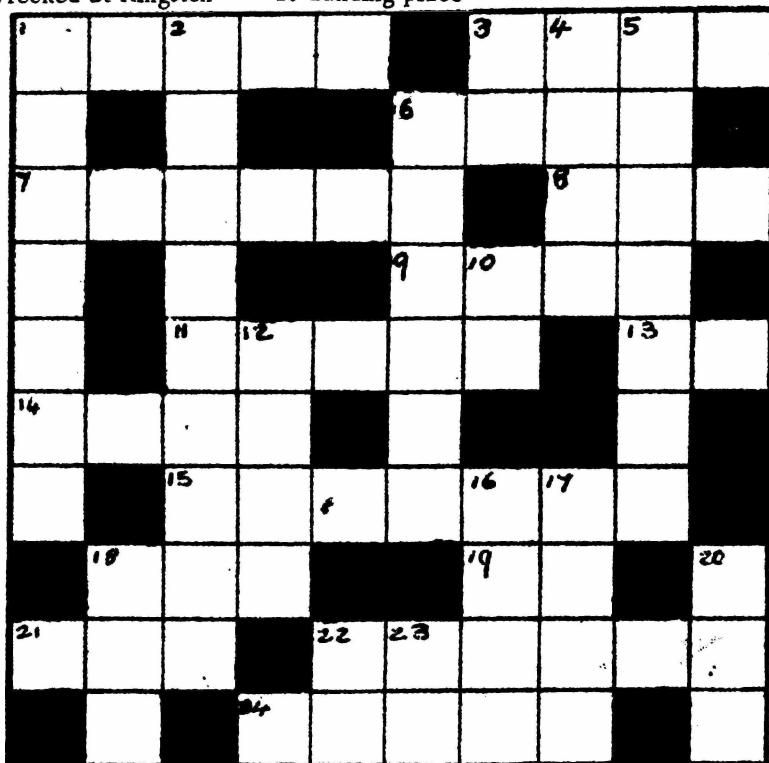
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15. Comes again
18. Aged
19. Mathematical term
21. Some
22. Scoundrel
24. Festivals
2. Direction
3. Mother
4. Repercussion
5. Norfolk fishermen
6. Property
10. Not off
12. Worn
16. Vault
17. Birds
18. Single
20. Vessel
22. Our group
23. Toward

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1. Landing place



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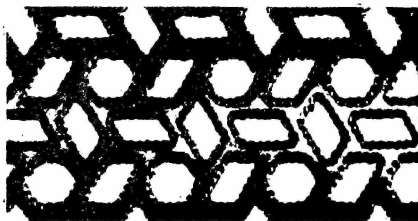
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NORFOLK TRADER

FOUR ERAS IN NORFOLK'S REMARKABLE 200 YEARS

THAT CORRECT gentleman - and one of the greatest men in sea history, Captain James Cook, discovered Norfolk Island in 1774. He spent only part of a day here but was anchored offshore looking at it for an afternoon and a night. He thought it was like New Zealand and was particularly taken by the Spruce Pines, as he called them, and being proper, thought of them as masts for His Majesty's Royal Navy. (For historians, Cook's Journals and Joseph Banks' Logs and even novels about Captain Bligh and Matthew Flinders will really whet your appetite.)

Just after the First Fleet arrived in Botany Bay and meagre, muddy Sydney was beginning to be settled, Lieutenant Phillip Gidley King was sent to Norfolk by Captain Arthur Phillip in H. M. S. "Supply" to start a settlement to prevent the Island being settled by any other European power. King took along 24 settlers, 15 of whom were convicts.

For some time there was question of whether Sydney in New South Wales or Sydney (Norfolk Island) would be the most successful colony. (Sydney on Norfolk Island was changed to Kings Town and then Kingston.)

The Island settlement was hard to maintain for many reasons- distance and difficulty of access being two of them, and it was decided that bonded and free settlers should be moved to Tasmania.

By 1814 the Island was deserted.

In 1825 Norfolk Island became a penal settlement and was a hell on earth for most people living here. This period lasted 31 years. In spite of the misery a great deal of work was done - land was cleared, fields worked and lovely Georgian buildings were erected. It also was a time when some of the cruelest punishments in British history were meted out.

In 1855 the convict settlement was abandoned and in June 1856, 194 Islanders from Pitcairn Island landed here. These new settlers, descendants of the "Bounty" mutineers, had over-populated Pitcairn, and for romantic and practical reasons were given Norfolk Island.

At the time they moved here, Norfolk was proclaimed "a distinct and separate settlement" in the British Empire.

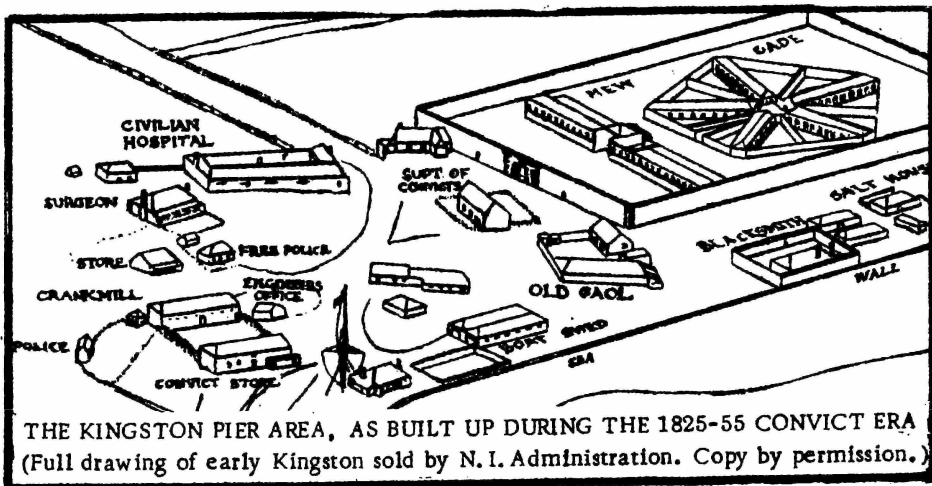
The difficulties, uniqueness and genuine love of this Island of the families who stayed here would take volumes of a historian's time

A fourth era in the Island's history started in 1913, when Norfolk was officially made an Australian Territory. It has only been in 1976 that the Australian High Court ruled that the Island is legally part of the Com-

monwealth.

Norfolk is administered by the Australian Department of Administrative Services. It has an Advisory Council elected by residents of the Island, and has many laws that are peculiar to Norfolk.

In 1975 the Australian Government concluded that Norfolk's administrative set-up had become "inappropriate and outmoded" and a Royal Commission was formed to enquire into what its future constitutional status should be. The Commission's report is expected this year.


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World News 7.30, 8, 8.30, 12.30, 1, 2, 2.30, 3, 3.30
Local News 7.40, 8.40, 10, 12, 1.05

MONDAY

9.15 My Music
10.05 Down Memory Lane
10.45 Morning Serial
11.00 Concert Half-Hour
12.05 Book Reviews
4-7.00 Shut Down
7.00 Light Music/Pop
8.30 Country & Western
9.00 Top of the Pops
10.00 Live Concert
10.30 Close

TUESDAY

9.15 Melody Time
10.05 Music from Shows/
Films
10.45 Morning Serial
11.00 Notes from the Past
11.30 Book Club Series
12.05 BBC Sports Mag.
1.15 Methodist Prog.
4-7.00 Shut Down
7.00 Sentimental Jour-
ney - Jazz Evening
7.30 Bits & Pieces
8.00 Feature artist-
Ella Fitzgerald

8.30 Bruce's Beat

9.00 Jazz show
10.30 Close

WEDNESDAY

9.15 Education Prog.
10.05 Drama
10.45 Morning Serial/
Hospital Prog.
12.05 World Affairs
2.00 (First Wed. of Mth.
only) N.I. Council
Meeting

6.00 Pick of the Week
Prog. includes Com-
edy, Drama, Book
Reviews

THURSDAY

9.15 Magazine of Arts
10.05 Drama
10.45 Morning Serial
11.00 Requests
12.05 World Affairs
Program
1.15 S.D.A. program

4-6.30 Shut Down

6.30 Light Music

7.15 Topics from
Holland

7.30 (First Thurs. in
Mth. Council Re-
broadcast)

8.00 Light Drama

8.20 Music & Interviews

9.30 Close

FRIDAY

9.15 Folkways music

10.05 Ella - The Start of
a Legend

10.45 Morning Serial

11.00 Musical Hits from
Germany

12.05 Science//Sports

1.15 Church of Eng. Prog.

4-7.00 Shut Down

7.00 Evening of Fine
Music, includes
Aust. News in
Brief, PM with
Hugh Evans

10.15 Close

SATURDAY

10.00 Mainly Pop
11.00 Top of Pops/
Requests
12.00 Local News
1.00 Aust. News in Brief/
Sports Relay
4.00 Young Mood, in-
cludes Top Ten,
Dedications, News
6.05 Simon & G'f'nkle
6.30 Comedy
7.00 Rowdy's Roundup of
Sports Events both
Local & Overseas
7.10 Movin' Music
8.00 Drama
9.00 Variety Show
10.00 Close
SUNDAY
7.00 Evening Prog. in-
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dep.	2.35		

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Friday		10.30
Saturday		Dep.
Sunday		12.15
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Saturday	8.30	5.30*
Sunday	8.30*	5.15

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The fact is that on Norfolk there is no legislation controlling the profession of law.

In Australia and New Zealand, the business of offering legal advice for a consideration is very tightly regulated indeed. A non-lawyer can offer advice; but if he charges he's in trouble.

The practising profession is represented here in two places: the Administration, and the private firm of McIntyres. There is some agreement that regulation, if not actually needed now, will probably be desirable some time in the future, and one move in this direction has been the formation of the Law Society of Norfolk Island.

Lawyers qualified to practise on the mainland are eligible to join, and these include Neil McIntyre, Duncan McIntyre, and John Brown, all of McIntyres; the Admin's Legal Adviser, Bernard Cleary; former Official Secretary Charles 'Potts' Buffett, recently retired; and Canadian Queen's Counsel, Eldon Foote, should he ever decide to go through the procedure of seeking permission to practise in Australia.

Lack of regulation doesn't necessarily mean that professional standards on the Island are slipshod.

One example; on the mainland every solicitor has to have his trust account audited every year, both for his own protection and his clients.

McIntyres say that no official compulsion exists on Norfolk, but that's all the more reason they should punctiliously observe the custom; and they do so.

Although nobody unqualified has actually hung out a shingle up to now, in what might be called the para-legal areas such as making

wills and drawing up contracts there has always been a great deal of activity. Until about ten years ago Norfolk had no resident solicitor. Dozens, maybe hundreds of contracts and wills were drawn up by amateurs ---- real estate agents accountants and schoolteachers, for instance.

Some contracts have been drawn up using ready-printed do-it-yourself forms not really applicable to the Island.

Some contracts have been so bad they have even made the extraordinary mistake of confusing buyer with seller.

These amateur contracts, at best doubtful and at worst plain faulty, are in the words of one solicitor, "time bombs". Many have been set off over the years; but because of good luck and a Norfolk readiness to compromise, they have usually turned out to be more like damp squibs than high explosives.

Land sales are particularly hazardous when amateur contracts are written. Cases are known where land has been subdivided further than is actually possible ---- for instance, dividing five acres into six one-acre blocks. Land has been purchased before the discovery of a covenant that makes the sale voidable.

Practising law on Norfolk often means helping to resolve differences, rather than arguing in court. Local solicitors would rather negotiate a settlement than go to court, and there is a tradition of give and take, among opposing parties who are neighbours, if not relations. 'It's hard to sustain a passion face-to-face', one solicitor remarked.

Faulty documents can be acceptable where all parties are in agreement. Further, in a young community which Norfolk is, historically speaking, a doubtful document can often be referred to some older person who can recall the drawing up of the document and the circumstances, and who can say what was the intention of the signatories.

For instance, the distribution of assets of an estate might be discussed by the beneficiaries while sitting around the kitchen table. They may not realise the will is for some reason faulty, or possibly don't care, and full agreement is reached.

A generation later, many of the

parties to the distribution will still be living and able to clarify problems that arise. But after another generation the will may have to speak for itself.

Norfolk is now passing out of the era where most documents can be referred to someone who was there when it all began.

But the time bombs tick away. If land prices climb again, the prizes to be won in a successful court case may tend to overcome scruples about community feeling.

When a Norfolk resident needs legal help, it is most likely to be in one of three general areas --- matrimonial, by far the most frequent; civil, including debts, damages, non-performance of contract and so on; and possible offences against police or criminal law, such as driving too fast.

Divorce, maintenance and custody come under the new Australian Family Law Act, which applies throughout Australia and its territories. This act sets up special courts to hear cases of this sort, but unfortunately an oversight in drafting has left Norfolk without such a court. What happens next is still not clear.

One plan under discussion is for affidavits of evidence to be taken in Norfolk and sent to Sydney where a decree would be made in the absence of the parties.

Marriage guidance is called for by the new act, and where it would come from is not clear either.

Debts are easier to collect on Norfolk than on the mainland. It's hard to ignore a creditor who lives just down the road, and the size of the island adds a certain immediacy to threats of legal action.

The Norfolk Court of Petty Sessions can hear debt cases up to \$400, and the limit may be increased to \$1,000. It may be raised to \$2,000, in 1977. Whatever the limit, once it is passed the matter goes to the Island Supreme Court, presided over by a visiting judge, usually twice a year.

If you are owed \$450, you can write off the odd \$50, and go to Petty Sessions to collect the balance.

Petty Sessions is convened whenever necessary (these days at least once a month) and is presided over by a visiting Canberra magis-

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trate, or one or more voluntary unpaid local magistrates, or by any or all of them.

The local Magistrates naturally have a better knowledge of Island conditions, but visiting lawyers know more law. This can increase the cost of litigants: it takes time for a solicitor to explain elementary points of law to a panel of people without law degrees.

Petty sessions handles, as well as small debts, small offences, committals of bigger offences, and some basic family law such as maintenance and custody.

When litigation is brewing and one person retains McIntyres, what is the opponent to do? Legal ethics usually bar the same firm giving advice to opposing sides.

The latecomer often seeks clarification of his position with the Administration Legal Adviser. The Adviser's main job is involved with the council, the administration and the Crown. But over the years the practice has grown up of discussing aspects of island law with members of the public, and the custom has achieved at least de facto recognition. Perhaps two islanders a week take advantage of the service, and perhaps once a month it happens that one would have liked to be represented by McIntyre but was beaten to their door.

However, the Adviser can't form a traditional solicitor - client relationship with people who seek advice. In criminal matters he can outline the position, and make three suggestions: that the client represent himself; that he wait for the next visiting solicitor; or that he consult a mainland firm.

On the subject of acting on your own behalf, an old legal adage has it that a man who represents himself has a fool for a client. On Norfolk this view may be a little prejudiced. Where the matter is simple and straightforward, you may save yourself useful amounts on money.

In some matters the Norfolk Administration can give assistance. If you want to draw up a will, the Curator of Deceased Estates, Jim Campbell, will be happy to help. This is free, although if he is named in the will as executor, the Admin will collect a fee of 5% of the estate when it is administered.

If you are buying land, you can search the title yourself, and the Registrar of Lands, Ivens ("Toon") Buffett will help you with the conveyancing for a modest fee. This is only the actual transfer of ownership

of the land, though; it does not include drawing up a contract, which is a separate matter.

In asking either of these men for advice you will have to sign a disclaimer -- you accept that if anything goes wrong, you won't blame the Administration.

Does anything go wrong? It can. It's possible to discover that what looked like a simple, straightforward transfer of property was neither simple nor straightforward.

Suppose you decide to go into business making furniture, hear that a workshop is for sale, and agree with the owner on a price. You buy the building on a contract which you draw up between the two of you, to save time and money. You get set to move in, and discover that the building is legally leased to someone else for \$25 a week. You now have a problem, particularly since you borrowed money to buy the property and have a weekly interest bill to pay.

A solicitor would have saved you from this trap -- or if he didn't, he had darn sure better get you out of it or pay for his mistake.

Business-buying has proved to have many hidden reefs for newcomers on Norfolk.

Earlier on we said that anyone could "practice law" on Norfolk. One of the rubs in this freedom is that if someone claims he's competent to give you advice and charges you for it, he's liable to make good the damage if the advice is faulty and backfires on you. That's why the Admin gets you to sign a disclaimer if you seek advice from one of its specialists.

Three solicitors make fairly frequent trips to Norfolk for various reasons, and while here accept whatever legal business is offering. They split their travel and accommodation expenses among the clients. Methods for apportioning these expenses are variable.

Should you choose to have a mainland firm represent you, you are going to be up for a lot of money in telephone calls, fares, accommodation, and lawyer's time --- which must include two days travelling, perhaps time spent waiting for the case to come on, and then more time waiting for the plane home.

No mainland lawyer can be expected to have the same knowledge of local conditions that a resident solicitor might be expected to acquire.

And costs can sometimes seem to show discrepancies with what is normal in Norfolk life. There is an old

story of a mainland solicitor who sent a client an itemised account which included: To crossing street to speak with you and discovering it was not you \$5.

McIntyres say they can't give examples of the cost of work such as preparing a will or drawing up a contract. The figure varies according to the complexity of the work, among other factors.

They say they will give an estimate of costs to an inquirer and they temper their costs to a client who has trouble raising the wind.

On the mainland a dispute about costs (or any dissatisfaction with solicitors' work generally) can be referred to a Law Society, and presumably this can now be done on Norfolk. However mainland Law Societies have the power to strike off delinquent practitioners, and the island society as yet lacks this authority.

To the suggestion that the law is becoming too expensive for some people, McIntyres say that professional advice always costs, whether for an architect, a doctor or a lawyer.

If you are broke, you may be able to get help from the new Australian Legal Aid Office. In the few months that the scheme has operated, several

persons have been assisted in Norfolk courts in this way.

Would it benefit the island to have another solicitor practising here? No-one can say if there would be enough work for the island to support two law firms; McIntyres say 10 Supreme Court cases in 12 months would be a big year. The mere presence of another advocate would almost certainly generate more legal disputes and more business for the lawyers.

Perhaps a retired solicitor might want to settle here and start a part-time practice. "There's always room for a part-timer in any profession," Duncan McIntyre remarked. Perhaps Potts Buffett may eventually be prevailed on to practice; no-one could have better local knowledge than a born Pitcairner.

A second practising solicitor here would avert some difficulties where there was urgency in a legal process. Let's say you are owed money, and are unable to collect it, and your debtor leaves Norfolk. Unexpectedly he returns. You want to take out a writ stopping him leaving again until some arrangement is made, but you find your debtor is represented by McIntyres. You have a problem.

Still, the smallness and remoteness of Norfolk does create some prob-

lems.

Sadly, the future seems to hold an increasing amount of litigation on Norfolk. There are various reasons. One is the possible recovery in land prices; the higher land goes, the more worthwhile it will seem to go to court.

Then there is the increasing official regulation of life on Norfolk.

We haven't yet got parking meters, or laws controlling the planting or cutting down of trees, let alone rates and taxes, but we are catching up on such ornaments of civilisation.

The big growth in law actions is likely to be in the areas of tourism and immigration.

It's no secret that restrictions on new tourist accommodation are frequently evaded or ignored. It's probably only a matter of time until such discrepancies come under direct challenge.

Restrictions on immigration are also likely to be a fertile field for challenges to Administration rulings. There's no room for compromise on that one; either you can live here, or you can't.

And where there's no chance of compromise, people go to court - and usually want lawyers to represent them.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF TOURISTS

CASUAL GUEST POLICY

South Pacific

hotel/motel limited



VISITORS TO NORFOLK are sometimes uncertain about the casual-guest policies of the Island's leading hotel.

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FOOTBALL ON NORFOLK

Kevin Williams takes a broad look at the Island's favourite sport

How it all began

IN 1967 after a lapse of some years, football, this time Rugby League, was restarted on Norfolk Island. 1966 saw an increase in Bank staff at the Commonwealth Bank and also in early 1967 some very sports-minded schoolteachers, Bill McUtchen, Ian Good and Albert Manning, commenced teaching at the Norfolk Island Central School. The first attempt for some form of football was made in early 1967 by Bill McUtchen when he decided to teach the young pupils soccer on a sports afternoon. The oval at Kingston was mown and soccer goal posts erected, however this venture did not take off.

On a Saturday afternoon in May 1967 at a small meeting of interested persons the first two teams were chosen. These two teams were to be known as Reds/Cascade and Blues/Longridge. It is a well known fact that the two teams were decided this way. The bigger chaps and those who the selectors (which includes the writer) thought were footballers were chosen for the Reds team; the others with unknown ability and smallest were given to the Blues team.

After much publicity, the erection of bamboo posts over the soccer goal posts and the field made into a League oval, the first game was scheduled to be played the following Sunday week.

Cascade were full of confidence for the big match and on the Sunday, just before the game, all players assembled in Burnt Pine for a procession to the oval on Hussar Harris' red truck. Doing a pre-victory lap at Kingston the Reds were watched by the Blues. Approximately 80 minutes later the Blues with the smaller team and the supposedly unknown football potential had wiped the Reds 35 to nil. Players in those first two teams still playing to-day are for the Blues - Sid Cooper, Culla Graham, Rod Menzies and Steve Ryves; for the Reds - Les Steven is the only one. The referee for that first match was Leo McCoy.

In the latter part of 1967 Rocky

Point entered the competition thus increasing the teams competing to three. Rocky Point consisted of several players from that area including the three Nobbs brothers Ken, Alec and Shorty. In 1968 a fourth team known as Golds - Norfolk United - entered the competition. In this team we had the Evans brothers, Borry and Pelley. However in 1969 Golds/Norfolk United and Rocky Point amalgamated to form the present day team of Greens united.

Reds looked hot, but wound up with a case of the Blues in '76

All three teams have a very strong bond during the football season. Although this year Greens/United only won one match, it is a credit to the players for the team spirit that prevails. Both Longridge and United seemed to have had the edge over Cascade with regard to team spirit over the years. This could stem from the fact that Cascade were unfortunate in not being able to obtain a coach or captain in the mold of both Sid Cooper and Skeet Anderson.

Since the start of football Cascade have had, in everyone's opinion, a very good team. However it is ironical that the majority of the players have been individualists, so, instead of creating a very good team of players, Cascade has always ended up with a team of very good individualists.

However this year it seemed as though the old style of play had disappeared and at the half-way mark of the Dickett Shield competition Reds were leading and odds on to win their first Dickett Shield. But a crop of injuries soon turned the tide and Reds had to be contented with being a close runner-up to the Longridge.

Reds this year had some very good players and a very strong back line. The back-bone of their team this year stemmed around Ian Pleffer, Yarm Menzies, Ruffey Steven,

Brian Adams and Larry Quintal. The Reds also unearthed some good potential with Flash Cargill, Garry Bates, Shane Steven and Michael Carroll. So if Reds can repeat some of their good wins this year and retain some of their good players then they must have a big show for the Dickett Shield next year.

With Longridge, Sid Cooper had his team trained to perfection for the Dickett Shield. Coop had a fairly young side this year but has transferred as much knowledge possible to these players. Finds of the season for Blues were David Sanders, Rocky Hancherow, Alan Snell, David Evans, Dale Hall and Garry Svendsen. Coop had to rely on some of his old heads in Culla Graham, Spindles Menghetti, Steve Ryves, Rod Menzies and himself to save some of the close matches. One of the big factors Longridge have in their favour is Cooper's great goal kicking. Once again his accurate goal kicking topped the century mark for him.

Although previously stated that the Greens only won one match they too had quite a few injuries. Skeet Anderson, their coach, also had a young and inexperienced side this year. However, both he and his team stuck to their guns and never gave up. Skeet was unlucky to be injured during the season and also Greens captain, Michael Prentice, sustained an injury. Both these players were at the time playing very good football. Others who impressed during the year were Denis Smith, Mike Johnson, Nicky Quintal, Bill Donald, Shane Quintal, Rocky Boulding, Rod McAlpine and Ricky Quintal. The find for the Greens this year was young Paul Evans who at 14 years of age played some very good football as full-back. On not one occasion did young Paul not attempt to tackle his man and on some occasions with big men like Yarm Menzies, Ruffey Steven, David Sanders and Rod Menzies coming through at full pace - it was a credit to Paul for standing there and knocking them down with some fine leg tackling. Greens, if they continue to show the same team spirit next season, could well

develop into a threat.

Who plays the game

The players for the three teams come from various places of work on the island. In the early days it was the idea to "sign" up any Bank staff, schoolteacher or D.C.A. transferee. If a Blue, Red or Green was employed in a certain position on the island, it was left for him to "sign" up any person being transferred into a similar position. In this way he would have first hand knowledge if the person had any football ability, if so sign him up, if not try and palm him off to the other two teams.

All three teams have a percentage of Norfolk Islanders playing. Some of these Norfolk Islanders have been living on the mainland and, having come back to reside, been able to bring back some of their football knowledge. This also applies to mainlanders who now reside here.

Back in the beginning of 1968 and into the early seventies, the Commonwealth Bank produced mostly Blues. Names of some were Ian Barrett, Mike King, David Rodgers, Brian McGrath, Ron Lemon, Mal Driscoll and David Leyshon. Since then the cycle has changed and now we have the Commonwealth Bank producing Red players, namely, Ian Pfeffer, Ian Small, Brian Hutchinson and Garry Bates.

The Bank of New South Wales, when opened in the late sixties, produced mainly Red players Warren Proud, Smoky Dawson, David Weekley and Les Bourke. However, in his second season Les switched to Greens and from that time the Wales has produced Greens such as Bill Stables, Rocky Boulding and Rod Mc Alpine.

Teachers from the Central School have since 1970 played for Greens - Wayne Mendham, Noel Wagg, John Snelling, Steve Galbraith. The Greens were very lucky in obtaining the services of Les Bourke from the D.C.A. Les was a tremendous asset to them.

It is common that the employer or his staff associated with the player usually barracks for that player's team.

Other players playing come from various lines of work - carpenters, plumbers, shop assistants, clerks, electricians. If they happen to come into the island on a six monthly permit, they have to first serve a waiting time of 28 days before they become eligible to play.

Great barrackers

We cannot talk about football on Norfolk Island unless we mention the supporter. Every team on the island has their die-hard supporters and everywhere you go on Norfolk Island during the season the talk is of football.

It has been the custom that once a side wins or loses a big match, the patron or main supporters usually arrange a bar-b-que or supper at his/her home for his team and their supporters. There is no such thing as cost involved, although the players help supply the refreshments. As the night wears on, the game is as usual played over again.

These kind of functions are part of football on Norfolk and help to make the season most successful plus give the players encouragement for future matches. A good example of these supporters are for the Blues - Boy Buffett, Francis & Sheba Menghetti and Bill & Dianne Forsyth; for the Reds - Bill & Clara Adams and Bruce Walker; and for the Greens - Skeet Anderson and in the latter years Paul Beherendt.

On a Sunday before the match commences the various team supporters file to their respective places. Greens have always barracked from the eastern side of the oval near No. 11 Quality Row. Blues have always positioned themselves for barracking in the middle, whilst Reds have acquired the western end of the oval. When the top two teams are not playing then the team with the bye inevitably barracks for the underdogs, i.e. this year Reds always barrack for Greens when Greens play Blues and Blues do the same when Greens play Reds.

During the season both players and supporters have their special refreshment establishments. Blues and some Greens usually frequent the Leagues Club whilst the Reds have had the South Pacific and lately the Castaway Hotel, the balance of the Greens frequent the Hotel Norfolk.

After the completion of the day's game, players, officials and supporters journey to the Leagues Club where the announcements are made. The player of the day award is chosen, the Sydney football results given and the gate takings (taken up by the bye team) are announced.

Once again teams and supporters group together with supporters like Plute Snell, Bob Jones, Robbie Chapman, Paul Beherendt, Boy Buffett, Steve & Bill Adams, all shouting for their teams no matter if the result was

a win or a loss.

Trophies to be won

The main competition of the League season is played for the Dickett Shield. Since 1968 the Shield has been won by Blues/Longridge on six occasions and by United on three occasions. United won the Shield the first year of their amalgamation. This year sees the first time the Dickett Shield has been won by the same team three years in a row. The winners this year were Longridge/Blues.

Other trophies played for on a knockout basis are the B.P. Cup at the beginning of the season and the McLennan Cup at the end of the season. The McLennan Cup was donated by Don McLennan who owned the Hotel Norfolk.

Also we have the Annual Pickerd Perpetual Platter donated by former Administrator Pickerd and played annually between the Administration, School and D.C.A. combined, against the League President's team. This game has proved highly successful and especially the shout afterwards.

The jumpers worn by the Administration side are similar to the Balmain Sydney jumpers. These jumpers were purchased by the Administration works staff from their accumulated tea funds.

This year's trophies were won as follows:

Longridge - Dickett Shield
Cascade - B.P. Cup & McLennan Cup

NZ tour is a first

This year for the first time Norfolk Island is sending away their first ever League team. The team leaves for Auckland on Friday, 1st October, where they will be the host of the Glenora Club. They are scheduled to play three games and have the honour of playing one of these games on Carlan Park.

The main men behind the organisation of this trip have been Bruce Walker, Toon Buffett and Francis Menghetti. Along with all the players of the three teams, they have raised the necessary funds for the trip. The players from the teams have been conducting raffles etc. and also holding working bees on various people's properties.

The Norfolk Island Touring Team consists of 21 players chosen from the three teams. Longridge have 12 players, Cascade 4 and United have 5 in the squad. It is hoped that with the experience gained from this tour football on Norfolk Island next year will rise to even greater heights.

Norfolk



LIVING

LISTENING TO Julie Middleton's lively conversation about some of the major events in her adventurous life, I couldn't help but think back to W.H. Auden's remark - "The distresses of choice are our chance to be blessed".

Julie feels blessed to live on Norfolk Island. She says there's no place she'd rather be in her present condition. (Julie gallantly copes with multiple sclerosis.)

Julie has made remarkably difficult choices throughout her life. The first major one was deciding to leave her family in New Zealand at age 21 to go to London to join the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art. She had always been keen on the stage and had her own studio teaching elocution in Auckland. When, after a year at the Royal Academy, money ran a bit short she chose to take a job as governess until she could get more funds together to continue dramatic studies. It turned out that the wonderful family she went with, a well-known commercial artist Joseph Pike and his wife, just about adopted her. When she went back to the Academy they said, "Here's the key to the front door - it's your home." They have been the greatest friends ever since.

Her next big decision was to get out of the theatre world. After working at film studios occasionally and doing a six month tour of the English provinces in a lead juvenile role, she came to the conclusion that there was so much talent in London that she would pursue her second love - travel. But in order to do this she needed a skill that was transferrable from one continent to another. Still living with the Pikes, she signed up for a secretarial course which, after a German holiday, she put to use as Secretary to the Head of the School of Engineering at the Polytechnic. As soon as there was enough money in the bank she was off -- her choice - Africa. Not an ordinary choice for a young woman on her own.

The African trip started on an obscure little freighter out of Trieste which took nine weeks to Durban stopping at 29 ports along the way. The ship was carrying workmen

for road building in Abyssinia - Greeks, Italians, Egyptians; a fascinating voyage -- the ship sailed at night and stayed in port during the daytime. So there were 29 different ports to explore. In South Africa Julie got a secretarial job as a companion to an elderly English woman who had retired on an estate in Masheke, 60 miles by roughish road from Salisbury - 30 miles to the nearest P.O. The woman had 50 black servants working for her and felt Julie had stepped out of line when on their way to a tennis party shortly after news of King George V's death she noticed she had on a frock sprigged in black. She wouldn't speak to Julie for 48 hours feeling that she herself had the social right to be in mourning but certainly her companion had stepped over the bounds.



JULIE MIDDLETON

On the grounds that she was being recalled to England, Julie left her employer and worked her way around Africa for another six months before returning to England.

The varied works of art hanging on the walls of the Middleton home reflect the active interest in art of its owners. This undoubtedly came at least partly from Julie's career with the Frank Sabin Gallery - a

4 storey establishment on Bond Street where she worked. Here she was steeped in the pre-war London Art Scene and the Sabin family were a colorful crowd, particularly the young son who wore braided waistcoats and Edwardian velvet frock coats. The Bond Street building was bombed by the Nazis but fortunately all the treasures of old Masters had been packed up when the war started and shipped to the country.

War was declared just after Julie had been to Canada and the U.S. as she arrived back in London just after Chamberlain's talk with Hitler. She tried to get into war service immediately but there was no colossal call-up. Her family wanted her back in N.Z. so while Europe was beginning to crumble she was on one of the South African Union Castle Steamships sailing along the West Coast of Africa.

Another choice - since she didn't want to stay in N.Z., couldn't go back to London - she went to Australia. Refugees were pouring in - none of them knew English so Julie went from house to house teaching them. She then enlisted in the Australian Army Medical Women's Services which took over V.A.D. (Volunteer Aid Workers). After Officer's training she was posted to the Army Education Service in North Queensland where, coincidentally, Peter was also stationed. Romance flourished and they married in 1946.

Both discharged, they went up to beautiful Port Douglas on their honeymoon. Perched high on a hill overlooking the gorgeous Port Douglas Beach they decided to buy a three acre property which had belonged to a Catholic Seminary. It was theirs for 25 pounds. What to do with it? There was a secure job waiting for Peter in Melbourne but they chose to start a tourist resort.

The old army installations were being sold off cheaply, army cots, odd bits of furniture, wooden huts - a sentry box (which became the "loo"). They ran the resort for five years. They had started it from nothing but when the tourist boom brought as many as 70 luncheon guests a day it wasn't as much fun as (please turn to the next page)



HELEN PAYNE

HERE IS A dish which appeals to the eye as well as the palate whether served as a hot main course or for cold buffet. Not only do the vegetables provide colour but their flavours blend beautifully with that of the meat. The vegetables I've used here are in season but you could substitute other colorful ones.

ARGENTINE BEEF ROLL

Rib flap approx 18" x 12"

1 dz. silverbeet green only

½ dz. carrots sliced lengthwise and parboiled

Julie Middleton
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when it was small so they sold it and bought a farm in Tully and raised pineapples which they sent to a cannery in Cairns. The cannery went bust at the height of one season and sent all their pineapples back.

So - to Sydney. Peter went back to journalism and they bought and ran flatettes until Julie's sight began going bad. She went for medical tests in London and again decided to study. She took a three-years course at the College of Speech Therapy in London - Peter doing freelance work with the B. B. C. and sending articles back to Australia until they returned there to live when Julie took a position in Speech Therapy at the Spastic Centre in Mosman and Peter became Editor of Hospital Association Journal and also of "Good Government"

One of the most important choices of all was the Middleton's move to Norfolk Island where, after a series of holidays here, they finally moved in 1970. It is here in our small community environment that Julie feels she's able to be a part of the community which would now be difficult for her anywhere else.

- 2 large onions
- 3 cloves garlic
- Good sprinkling of salt, pepper and cumin

Spread flap with chopped silverbeet, carrots, sliced onions and crushed cloves of garlic and sprinkle well with salt, pepper and a double sprinkling of cumin. Roll flap neatly and tie with string. Coat well with butter or bacon fat, cover with al-foil and bake in a moderate oven. Make gravy of the juices adding more cumin. Serve hot or cold. This roll is better when cut in thick slices so that the vegetables remain encircled by the meat.

CHILLED GREEN BEAN SALAD

3 tablesp. vinegar

6 " salad oil

Salt and pepper to taste

1 lb. cooked green beans

½ bunch spring onions

4 hard boiled eggs, chopped

3 tablesp. mayonnaise

2 teasp. vinegar

1 teasp. prepared mustard

4 rashers of bacon crisped

Shake together the vinegar, oil, salt and pepper. Pour over beans and onions and leave to marinate for several hours. Just before serving mix together remaining ingredients and spoon over the beans. Serve sprinkled with bacon. Serves 4-6.



SPICE OF THE MONTH

Although I promised to chat about an herb or spice in each column, lack of space precluded it last month so let us carry on now.

CUMIN: This strong flavoured member of the parsley family grows in the Mediterranean region and has a long history. Made from the dried seed of the plant it was used by Assyrian and Babylonian doctors in drugs and as a preservative by early Greeks and Romans. The Indians also must have been aware of its value as a preservative and it is an important part of curry and chili powders.

Suggested quantities:

½ teasp. to 1 cup rice

½ teasp. in marinade for 1½ lbs. of lamb or beef

Dash in salad dressing or mayonnaise

Dash to ½ teasp. to 3 lbs. beef for pot roast or stew.

IN BOND

by "VINAS"

-- a private view of what is offering at the Liquor Bond

The Eden Valley is on the edge of the Barossa and it is from here we have two whites recently imported by the Bond. Both are "individual vineyard" wines produced by the Barossa Co-operative Winery under its Kaiser Suhl label.

The first, as I tried them, was a dry Rhine Riesling from Rogers' "Sunburnean" vineyard. Bottled when young the wine has a good, somewhat spicy, nose, a lot of fruit and a clean but not too dominant acid finish - certainly good value for \$2.05.

The other is a late-picked Rhine Reisling from Stephens' "Wyncroft" vineyard. Same variety, same locality but what a different wine! The late harvesting has produced a less prominent nose, less fruit but a quite delightful, light sweet wine as smooth as can be, which, if you like them on the sweet side, you could drink anytime. With my dry palate it is one I'd recommend with fruits and cheese or a complimenting dessert but, whichever way, it's also good value at \$2.05.

Although not favouring over-chilling of whites I'd suggest you have the sweet one a little colder than the dry.

Back in May we had a look at various whites, two of them coming from the Barossa.

Hardy's Eden Moselle: one of the best wines of its type in Australia. Also made from Rhine Reisling grapes it has plenty of bouquet and flavour but remains delicate. Price \$1.55.

H. G. Brown's Bin 70: a Moselle style made of Barossa material from an unnamed maker. Compared with others it seems a bit over-priced at \$2.25.

There are also sparkling wines and sherries from this area in the Bond together with a number of wines blended from material from Barossa and elsewhere. Perhaps we can take a look at these later under other headings.

questions & answers in Norfolk Garden

With the SHOW just ten days away perhaps a few hints on how to choose your flowers and vegetables would be helpful.

Remember quality not quantity is keynote when showing. Firstly let's take vegetables;

Carrots choose clean, well shaped ones with fine "necks", showing good foliage; wash well; if six are asked for, make sure they are uniform in size.

Cabbage these should be clean and broken or eaten leaves removed; hard hearts and no sign of stem growth. Once again the biggest is not always the best.

Cauliflower firm white flower, with no sign of spreading or discolour.

Fruit speak for themselves; clean and unblemished, uniform in size etc.

Flowers remember, where collection of cut flowers is wanted read class requirements carefully, some classes do state "one of each colour" where as in other classes, example, "Collection of Lillies", means one of each colour of each variety.

Therefore your collection may be; 1 red hippeastrum, 1 white, 1 pinky shade, 1 arum lilly, 1 yellow day lilly, 1 orange lilly, and any other variety that you should wish to include. Technically speaking Hippeas are not lillies, so this is up to the judge to decide.

Roses are best in half open buds unless otherwise asked for. Good strong stems and healthy foliage.

Sweetpeas not less than four florets set evenly on good stems, so do not choose a flower where one can see a seed pod forming; these are too old.

Gladiola fine florets out and set one overlapping each other, are perhaps

perfect, never have all florets out Do not remove spent flowers from the bottom of spike as this only shows deterioration of spike.

Carnations flat at the back of flower and straight stemmed.

P.S. For those who are puzzled about the following, this may be a help.

All the following Pelargoniums, Ivy Geraniums and Geraniums are

the same family-namely, Pelargonium.

So collection of Geraniums may contain all varieties, one of each colour of each variety.

Begonias Rex heart shaped coloured leaves.

Tuber may be hanging basket, or single or double camelia shapes, grown from tubers.

Fibrous tall growing, with pend-

ulous flowers, red, white and pink mostly in colour. Fibrous refers to root system,

Best of luck to gardeners at the coming Show, may it be the best ever.

Not a great deal of planting just at the present, but keep ground well hoed and perhaps mulch around roses and small shrubs.

ISLAND HOUSEWIFE

IN THE DAYS of my youth which were spent in New Zealand, one of my delights was an early morning ride among the hills and valleys, where the young lambs arrive with spring, when the hills are green and willows wave their garlands of pale green heads, while new born lambs call plaintively and the ewe answers them with a comforting "baa".

Another was to be on a cool sandy beach and watch the sun rise over the sea turning the sea one lovely muted purple after another and finally gold as it ascended skywards, the many sounds of the sea have always been music to me, sometimes so sad and at others full of joy and song. Both these have their parallel here on my Island home of so many years now. Firstly the ride along Red Road to the Bridle Track following the cliff tops through the stately pines with Pacific showing through the trees and spreading out to far horizon sky, and, while the Terns come so close one can feel the beat of their wings as they take a close unpearing look at horse and rider.

The second, is Emily Bay, then it is Sunset, not Sunrise, this is so breathtakingly lovely it is beyond me to describe properly. It is one of the gems of nature one now and then finds if one takes time to "Stop and look for a while".

If you have never taken the time to enjoy such gems, then as the song

of the day says "You had better stop and smell the roses".

Many people grew seeds for seed companies. This was apart from bean seed which, of course, was the major crop. Some like ourselves grew flower seeds. Our first crop was French Marigolds-these grew far bigger than we had seen before. Seeds are very long and thin with the dried petals still attached when they are harvested. These I carefully cleaned off-millions of them. A neighbor who had grown these for some years tried to advise me I was wasting my time and losing weight of seeds and that 4% would be deducted for cleaning of seeds by the Company whether I was so fussy or not.

Needless to say I learned the hard way; she was so right, 4% for my very carefully cleaned ones and 4% for her roughly cleaned ones.

Many people gathered the local lemons (rough skinned ones) for their seeds alone. These seeds were exported to Australia for stock trees to be grafted with oranges and lemons. I have not actually gathered lemon seed myself but I have seen some peoples hands with deep seated ulcer like sores which I was told were called "lemon eaters" by the Islanders. Well named, as many of the names given to objects, places and people are.

Do you know how many lemons must be squeezed to get ½ lb seed? A wheelbarrow full.

Letter from Home

END OF SEPTEMBER - end of the football season for another year. It's been an interesting season from the spectator's viewpoint. Longridge and Cascade have fought some very close games and United won its first game right at the end of the season the second last game to be played. Great jubilations!

This would have given the Greens players and their supporters a really good reason to kick up their heels and celebrate at their annual Presentation Dinner at the Hotel Norfolk on a Saturday night. By all accounts it was a most successful night and great fun. The Reds Football Club had held their Presentation Night the previous Saturday at the South Pacific Hotel. By the end of the night not only were there plenty of people inside the hotel, I believe there were quite a few outside in the pool as well! Two events still to be

enjoyed are the Annual Rugby League Presentation and the Blues Presentation Night - both to be held later on in October.

As far as the schoolchildren are concerned, perhaps the highlight of the season was the visit of the Ellerslie Eagles from Auckland, N.Z. The Ellerslie Eagles team was made up of boys between the ages of 13 and 15 - all good players chosen to represent their Club. Their coach and chaperone, Mr. Clive Molloy, said that one of the main reasons he and his wife, Avis, had planned the trip was because they heard that the Norfolk boys were anxious to have a chance to play other teams. (There are only two teams in each division here on Norfolk - so a bit of variety is well appreciated!)

The Ellerslie boys were all very keen, and with encouragement from Clive and support from parents, the

boys raised all the money necessary for the tour. Most of the money was raised by bottle drives, plus auction sales, Paddy's markets, and odd jobs undertaken.

The first game between Norfolk and New Zealand was played at Kingston as the "curtain raiser" before the crucial game for the Dickett Shield. Despite the fact that the Eagles were defeated on both occasions by the Norfolk Island team, I've an idea they enjoyed their holiday very much indeed. The boys were billeted with Island families; the weather was glorious, and there were sausage sizzles, trip in the glass bottom boat, inspection of Government House and an afternoon of "Abba" organised. However, there was still plenty of free time for the boys to enjoy the freedom and casual life of Norfolk. Hopefully next year a team from Norfolk Island will have the opportunity to go to New Zealand and play a few games there. It's such an ideal chance to encourage good sportsmanship in our younger players.

On Wednesday September 1st at the Leagues Club, there was a spirit of great excitement and anticipation during the delicious meal organised by the Rugby League for this was the occasion to announce the senior team chosen to represent Norfolk Island on the forthcoming football tour to New Zealand. When it came time to announce the team there were great shouts and cheers as each member was announced. It sounds like a really good team and we all look forward to knowing the results of the games to be played in New Zealand in October and having the opportunity to watch the video-taped replay. This is a great event for Norfolk as it's the first time a team will have visited the mainland.

Our boys, like most boys, are plane crazy (and even sometimes plain crazy!) and were really excited one day during the school holidays when two Hercules transport carriers landed at the airport. They were even more excited when we called in to the airport and realized that the aircraft were "open for inspection".

These monstrous aircraft were here to deliver a huge "K" loader (a machine of approx. 24' in length which will assist in the loading and unloading of aircraft) and to transport back to Australia for preservation three cannons and one anchor; important links in Norfolk's history. One of the cannons is from H.M.S. Bounty, the other two from H.M.S. Supply. It

p.t.o.

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never ceases to amaze me how these huge flying machines manage to get themselves off the ground. It's even more incredible when one thinks of the added weight of the freight.

Talking about getting things off the ground, Bonny Quintal, our local nursing sister, visiting district nurse, Red Cross tutor, and radiographer, has taken off again on a flightathon. I believe it's her fourth big trip, and through the sponsorship of local hotels, Bonny will help raise money towards the N.I. Hospital Auxiliary. Publicity throughout Australia has brought forward generous donations. Travelling with Bonny are her "copilot", Marie Forsyth, and navigator Daphne Heyman. According to most recent reports from the girls, they have reached Tennant Creek and will then travel on to Mount Isa, Normanton, Weipa, Thursday Island and Daru. When they reach New Guinea they will have the pleasure of staying with the former S.D.A. Pastor from Norfolk Island - Pastor Sills, his wife and four sons. Their flying trip will take four weeks and the return trip will take them through Iron Range, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Rockhampton, Brisbane, Tamworth, Quirindi, Maitland and Newcastle where their aircraft will be returned to the Newcastle Aero Club.

Honolulu, then on to San Francisco, Los Angeles, across to England, the Continent and then on to Hong Kong. What a wonderful holiday for two lucky young people, Julianne and Noel Bunker, who accompanied their parents, Nancy and Cec, to the annual International Lions Convention which this year was held in Honolulu. After the convention they went with a group of Lions across to America, then branched off on their own to visit England and the Continent.

It's hard to imagine the temperature being 95 degrees F in England. Nancy said that all the once beautiful parks are now just like brown dried-up chaff. Of course the country isn't geared for such weather - no air-conditioning, small hotel rooms. In Wales the water supply is being turned off at night in an effort to make the meagre supplies last as long as possible.

In a camper van Cec and Nancy covered 2,000 miles touring through England, Wales and Scotland. Here they found the water situation wasn't too drastic and the countryside was still green, really beautiful, especially in the lake areas.

After resting in London for a day or so the four of them then went on

a 15-day organised bus tour of the Continent. This they found rather tiring but thoroughly enjoyed nevertheless. Thirty-eight persons from different English-speaking countries made up the lively party. Wherever they went, Nancy said, were many people travelling also. Because of the warm weather all camping areas were full so that those who had missed out had to find other spots to camp for the night along the roadways.

Another few days' rest in London and then off to Hong Kong for a week before finally returning to Norfolk. What struck Julianne and Noel was that everywhere they went the people and customs of each country were so different. Nancy was particularly taken with Austria and Switzerland. During the brief summer months the people adorn their homes and decorate the streets with colourful window boxes and hanging baskets filled with lovely geraniums and fuschias. Nancy said the Swiss chalets look just as they do on postcards.

At the last meeting of the Wives and Mothers Club, Mrs. Vera Hunt gave a demonstration of the art of floral arrangements. Mrs. Hunt has studied the oriental art of Ikebana and has many diplomas to her credit. Her arrangements were beautiful and looked so simple. Gerberas, carnations, begonias and wisteria were among the blooms she used. One of the most attractive combinations was of wisteria and some magnificent blooms of white azalea. After her demonstration, Mrs. Hunt gave flowers to members so that they could practise before creating an entry for the A. & H. Show. I know of several ladies who thoroughly enjoyed the challenge to create an attractive arrangement; and perhaps there will be lots of entries in the Floral Art section of the Show.

It's so relaxing to "play" with flowers - and such a thrill when an appealing arrangement evolves. How about having a go - and putting an entry in the Show. It's the fun of competing that's important. That's what helps make the Show a success.

And if flowers aren't your forte, have a browse through the Show Schedule. It should be a super day; there's something for everyone.

Another successful function the Wives and Mothers Club held this month was a 50/50 dance at the Leagues Club one Saturday night. Although only a small crowd attended it was a really happy night. The Lantana Trio was in a jovial mood as was the MC - Mr. "Magoo" Selby -

who soon had everyone up on the floor dancing. Joy and Greg Quintal were certainly having a great time celebrating Joy's "21st" birthday.

Something relatively new on the Norfolk scene is the home movie "thing". In the past we have enjoyed movies of the family in all sorts of situations. But now it's all much more sophisticated with sound, cinemascope and colour. We've been lucky enough to be invited to watch movies like "The Sound of Music", "Dr. Zhivago" and "That's Entertainment" in the comfort of friends' lounge room. The films are hired on the Island and are circulated among all the 16mm. movie projector owners. It seems so luxurious - and no ads!

It's really good to have friends or relations visit from the mainland. One seems to make so much more of time available. This past week we've had three extras in the house and we've managed to travel all the roads of the Island, see all the shops, do some fishing (and catch fish), enjoy the beach, picnic at Captain Cook's Memorial, see the gannets, watch a ship unload, eat out, attend a Tupperware party, watch films, learn something new about the Island, and still the chores were done. There should be more weeks like it's been lovely. The only sad part is having to say goodbye. My uncle once said that the thing he disliked about Norfolk was that there were always so many goodbyes. But at least one can always return - we return next month to bring you more news of happenings here on Norfolk!

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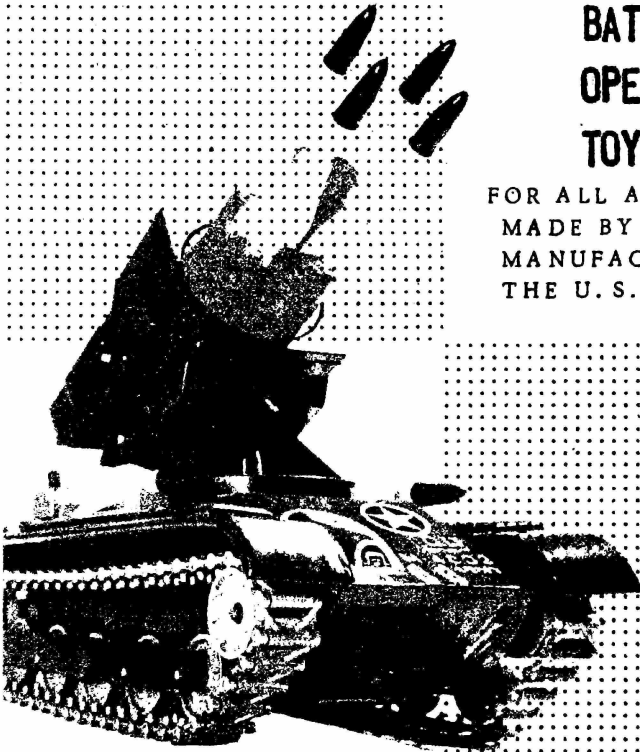
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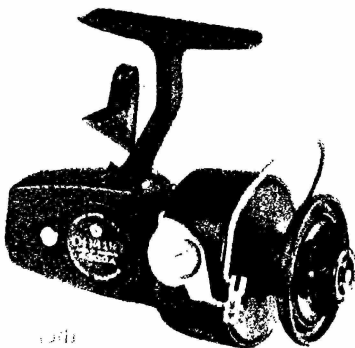
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In the early days, islanders often planted hedges to serve the combined purpose of windbreak (or breakwind, on Norfolk), boundary-marker and fence against roaming beasts.

The wild lemon served admirably. Only a generation ago Norfolk lemons grew so thickly along the roadside that the branches met in the middle, hiding the sky.

To install a Norfolk lemon breakwind-boundary marker-cattle fence you simply lined up the wild trees approximately along the perimeter of your property, then half-cut through the branches with an axe. You dragged the branches round in a fan-shape and overlapped them with similarly shaped trees on either side.

The cuts quickly healed, and you had a fine, strong, self-renewing fence, cattle-proofed by the long, sharp spikes carried on the branches.

A plant disease that appeared in the 40s almost wiped out the wild lemon population, and no example of a lemon fence seems to remain.

Even longer and more hostile-looking are the thorns, up to four inches long, carried on the Natal Plum; not only cattle-proof but human-proof too, in the opinion of many islanders.

A Natal Plum hedge grows up to 15 feet high unless cut back, producing pretty white flowers and small, flattish, yellow-colored, rather tart, fruit which makes delicious jam.

Clippings must be carefully gathered and burnt, because they are a constant danger to stock. The tough thorns lodge in hooves and coats when beasts seek shade or shelter, causing severe injury.

The Natal Plum was introduced by the old Melanesian Mission, and the only hedge remaining lines Kay Wood's Silky Oak Riding School along Mission Road.

Another hedge which is cattle-deterrent rather than cattle-proof is the thorned blueflower, and a blueflower hedge runs along Headstone Road from the Mission Chapel, St. Barnabas.

Rather confusingly, another blueflower hedge, the plumbago, doesn't grow thorns.

There's blueflower hedge down Store Road, which runs between Middlegate and Kingston. In fact, there are many examples here of old island hedges, including oleander, tecoma and African olive.

Oleander doesn't have defensive spikes, but it is very poisonous, and this, plus the thick growth of stems, seems to keep beasts from pushing through at will.

Cattle have died from drinking water in which oleander leaves fell.

Oleander, called mountain rose in Norfolk, comes in several shades -- white, pink, dark pink, and there used to be a scented oleander hedge outside the Protestant clergyman's cottage in Quality Row; but it was bulldozed when restoration began.

The red-flowering tecoma might be the most popular of the hedge-breakwind-fences on Norfolk, at least around homes.

Tecoma needs tending, however, because it will spread. The shoots grow skyward and then curl over and down like a wave breaking in super-slow-motion, striking where they touch ground.

This makes a splendid shelter for cattle, and, it's said, for rats too -- though Norfolk's fat, glossy grey rats thrive in the tree-tops, scuttling along branches from tree to tree like possums.

Tecoma shoots are wound into small hoops, like willow withies, to provide the foundation for wreaths.

If you plant African olive for a windbreak, you'll have a long wait before it makes much of a shelter; like most-tough woods, it grows very slowly.

All the same, it's popular. Island boatbuilders used to search for a naturally-bent olive to provide the stem for their boats.

Your children will be able to cut olive branches to use as fence posts. Ironwood was the most durable of Norfolk's fencing timbers but it has mostly been cut out, and anyway is extremely slow growing.

Chemically-treated eucalyptus and pine are replacing the natural timbers for fencing, but olive is still a favourite, which explains some of the rather unusual, free-form fence-

ing which strikes the visitor's eye.

Two olive fence posts at Central School struck and grew. This tendency to strike is even stronger with blue (or red) guava (porpay, in Norfolk).

Near the old Seventh Day Adventist Church down Cascade Road a New Zealander, maybe 20 or 30 years ago, decided to save some time by cutting his guava fence posts thin, two or three inches in diameter, driving them into the ground like steel stakes, instead of digging a hole for each.

They all grew, despite the treatment and the staples hammered in to hold the fence-wire. Eventually the living posts were cut off, but by that time, the seeds from the fruit had taken root, forming a dense hedge.

Porpay is still used for hedges, although it's another slow-grower. But you get a limitless supply of stakes for beans and tomatoes, as the hedge matures, as well as fruit -- and porpay makes the best fruit salad and guava jelly.

A medium-high shrub with pretty purple and white flowers can be seen along Cascade Road, and it's called Curse -- short for Byron Adams' Curse.

Byron Adams brought the plant to Norfolk for his garden. He was killed whaling early this century.

Another pest, and one shaping up to be a far greater menace than lantana and wild tobacco together, is the Hawaiian Holly. This is really the Brazilian Pepper Tree but came to Norfolk via Hawaii about 50 years ago.

A holly hedge planted beside Stockyard Road has run right up the hillside.

Another hedge, possibly the oldest remaining, is alongside the Garrison Restaurant in Taylors Road.

In winter, the Hawaiian Holly produces clusters of bright red berries, which birds love, and the droppings spread the seeds island-wide.

The holly isn't any use for firewood either.

One islander of scientific bent carefully dried some holly logs in the open for several months, then under shelter, before trying them in the stove. They still would not burn unassisted by another species of wood.

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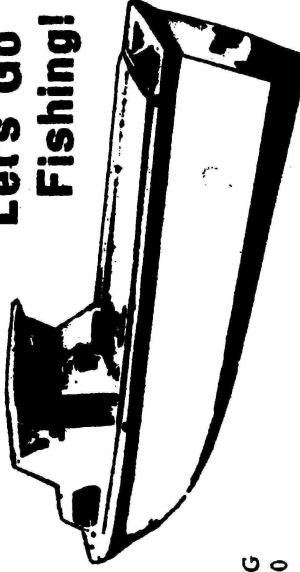
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